



## ST. A'S HAS BEEN A FORCE FOR GOOD SINCE 1896

St. Anthony's Parish in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, New Jersey, like that of its founding families, is one of dedication to the highest ideals of Christianity and democracy. It is marked by lowly beginnings, hard work, and generous sacrifice.

As early as 1875, Italian immigrants, drawn by the prospect of steady jobs, came to Elizabeth in search for economic betterment. At first, the existing parishes of the little town were adequate for their spiritual needs, but, as their numbers grew, they sought a national parish of their own, with priests of their own mother tongue to guide them. In 1893, the first Italian families - the La Cortes, the Wades, the Nebiolas, the Di Gugliemos - banded together and were generously given the use of St. Michael's Chapel on Smith Street, for their devotions. A dedicated priest, Fr. Ernesto D'Aquila, came from Newark every Sunday to conduct services.

In spite of such humble beginnings, the Italian families looked forward to a real parish of their own and so began a development fund to support a resident priest and a church. Fr. Michael Karin, a handsomely bearded Arabian, became their first pastor in 1895. Speaking fluent Italian, beloved by children and adults alike, he became the center and rallying point of Italian Catholics. When he left for a new assignment in Connecticut in 1899, his successors, Fr. Francesco Cammerata and Fr. Antonio Falcone, found a closely knit and dedicated nucleus of a new parish.

The chapel on Smith Street kept shrinking every Sunday, and volunteers campaigned for further funds to build a new church. Though the young immigrant families were still struggling to set themselves up, they contributed enough to buy the German Methodist Church in their neighborhood; Mr. Matthew Wade furnished a personal check for three thousand dollars as a down payment. This was in 1903, and Fr. Giovanni Bertolotto had offered his services to the Italian colony.

Sensing the people's generous loyalty to their Faith, Fr. Bertolotto bought off more lots on Center Street and Third Avenue, built an annex to the church to serve as a rectory, and even opened an orphanage for destitute children under the care of the Sisters of Charity. The rapidly growing Italian community became a parish on December 27, 1905, when Fr. Bertolotto filed for corporation papers and all property was deeded over to the parish of St. Anthony of Padua. The new parish stood up to meet its responsibilities.

That same year, Fr. Bertolotto was transferred and succeeded by Fr. Givoanni Ferretti, who served his people as pastor for nine years. The little parish weathered the economic storms of the early nineteen hundreds and the pressures of World War I, but it bore its scars, too. Fr. Ferretti had been succeeded by Fr. Eucherio Giannetto in 1914. Both pastors served under adverse circumstances, and by 1923, the parish debt had risen to \$18,000. A pall of sadness fell upon the community. It needed a new life.

That life was found in the Salesians of St. John Bosco, to whom Fr. Giannetto entrusted the parish in 1923. The first Salesian pastor, experienced and dedicated, was Fr. Leonard Ruvolo, who immediately set his efforts to cleaning and redecorating the church, recalling both young and old to their religious duties, putting all the church's resources at their disposal, and rekindling in them the loyalty to the Faith which had marked their forefathers. His enthusiasm was catching. Within two years, the debt was paid off, and plans were made for further expansion. Even today, people recall Fr. Ruvolo's tireless efforts to urge his people to lofty ideals of Christian life.

The test of the parish's new vitality, Fr. Ruvolo urged, would be to erect a new church to replace the old, now inadequate and beyond repair. The response was overwhelming; Italians throughout the city joined forces and campaigned for funds. By April, 1926, plans had been drawn up by the Paul Cerrina Firm, contracts had been let, and, in August, Fr. Ruvolo broke ground for a new church. On November 28 of that year, Monsignor John A. Duffy, later Bishop of Buffalo, New York, laid the cornerstone. A year after, on November 6, 1927, at a

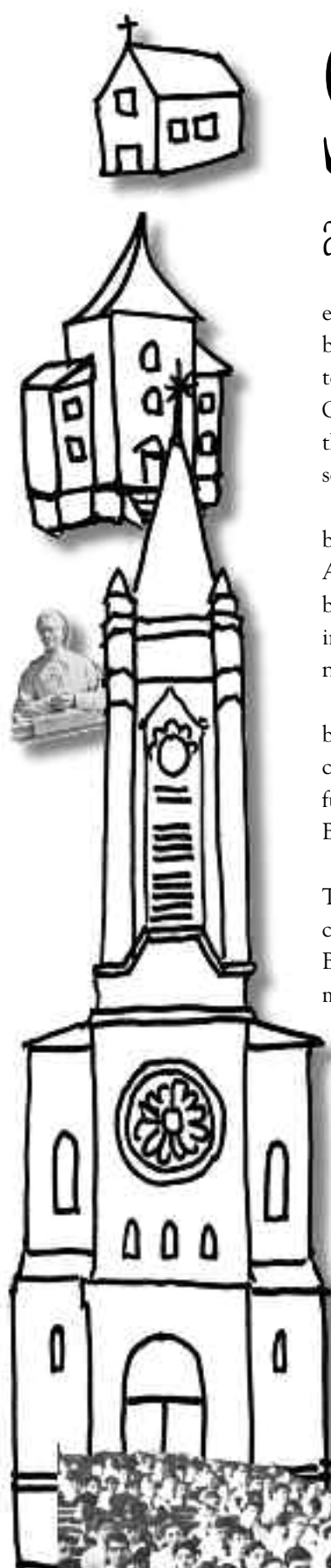
Solemn Pontifical Mass, the edifice was dedicated to Divine Service by the Most Reverend Pietro Fumasoni-Biondi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

Seating over 700, the new St. Anthony's Church, of Romanesque design, thrusts its seventy-foot steeple into the sky and is a landmark of Faith for the Italian people of Elizabeth.

Fr. Leonard Ruvolo died at the age of 49, on December 28, 1932, after a life of heroic zeal for God's Church and His people. St. Anthony's Church became a force for good in the City.



(above) The parish of St. Anthony's is celebrating the 80th anniversary of the construction and dedication of its present Church.



(left) As seen in this photo from 1971, students of St. Anthony's grammar school, encouraged by the Salesian Order of priests and nuns, have filled the pews of St. Anthony's Church since 1958.

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### President's Message



It has been my pleasure to have been serving on the committee that is planning the St. Anthony's Church Anniversary Celebration. The initial response from the community has been great. Ticket sales for the Dinner Dance are moving. Ads for the program book are coming in and some people have sent donations just to help out. The reception will be on a Saturday night on November 10, at the Winfield Scott Ballroom on North Broad Street. It's shaping up to be quite an event. I encourage everyone to get tickets soon and help out with the program if you can. There is a form in this newspaper for your convenience.

Anyone with any questions about the Celebration or about making a donation can call Mary Wilks at the Rectory 908-351-3300.

On a sad note, our pastor, Father Pat Diver is in the hospital and recuperating. Please keep him in mind and pray for his speedy recovery.

Thank you and God bless.

John Sacco, President

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Dear Joe,

I grew up on Cameron Place in Elizabeth, where the new Elizabeth High School is now located. I was wondering if any photographs exist of my old neighborhood?

The neighborhood consisted of South Street up to Battin and St. Mary's High School, Pearl Street around to St. Elizabeth Hospital and Broad Street (now Trinitas).

I lived at 615 Caron Place, which was a dead end consisting of approximately 12 homes. Behind the dead end was Rector Street. There was an abandoned brewery, Breidt's, near Pearl and Rector Streets.

The dirt was so rich my father's and the other men in the neighborhoods gardens flourished and were lush. My father and our neighbors used to kid around about who had the biggest and best tomatoes. I think my father's beefsteak tomatoes took the prize. He had a green thumb. Cow manure was his secret!

The Board of Education took the property in the early to mid 1970's. Sure would like to see some pictures of my street while the homes were still there. There were a lot of great memories there.

My father also had a parking lot behind City Hall for many years where a few old time jazz musicians like Duke Ellington used to park when they played at the Ritz Theater on East Jersey Street. That was many years ago, though.

You may be too young to remember me, but I've known your family many years. I went to Saint Anthony's School and graduated 8th grade in 1971. I'm Tony & Lena Giuliano's niece. My grandmother's house used to be on 4th Avenue as well. I grew up in their houses, between High Street and South Seventh Street, across the street from Petrillo's Bakery and the Lemon Ice Store.

I really enjoy your paper. You've done a great job.

Sincerely,  
Cynthia Colchie DeRosa  
Toms River, NJ

Dear Mr. Renna,

Thank you for the nice article that appeared in the April/May 07 issue of the Peterstown paper. I received 3 phone calls from people that remembered me and/or my mother and grandparents. I'm hoping I receive more (732-349-0580).

Enclosed is a subscription of your paper for my Godmother, Kay Cusamano.

Thanks again,  
Carmella (Nocera) Saxton  
Toms River, NJ

Dear Joey,

There is a photo on the cover of your Feb 07 cover of the World War I monument in Vallata, Italy. Because the photo is so small it is hard to see the people standing at the base of the statue but it is your Uncle Ralph and his friends from 1982 when they went to visit Uncle Vito (Nigro). The two on the left are Tylor Goldberg and Frank LoBrace who traveled with your uncle and me. Uncle Vito is next and Uncle Ralph is second from the right. I don't know who the two men are that are standing on either side of him.

O.K., I'll see you.  
Aunt Nancy,  
(Nancy, nee Francis Nigro, Gersick)  
Linden, NJ

(below) Detail of 1982 photo from the Feb. 07 cover of *Around About Peterstown* reveals Tylor Goldberg, Frank LoBrace, Vito Nigro, ???, Ralph Gersick, and ???.



Joe,

Just to let you know that I now live in Freehold, NJ, moved from Orlando, FL in Dec. 2005. My wife and I read with great interest the last two issues of the Peterstown magazine and she especially enjoyed the articles on the people of Vallata and the Vallatese club. I recall the Vallatese Club well having lived only one block away from it.

As you know I traced my wife's ancestry back to 1735. Her parents and their direct ancestry is centered in that town. (Muscaritolo and Mazza with marriage tie ins to D'Addressa, Melchionna, Milano, Crincoli, Ciasca, Villani, Gallo, Collichio, etc.). She recognized many of the names and faces in the articles.

I managed to transcribe the vital records of many of her ancestral surnames, as well as the ancestry of many of the people of the Vallata Club. Some of your readers may be interested in this information as well.

Thank you,  
Sal Angelo  
Freehold, NJ

Dear Joe,

We read the article online about Taylor and have shared it with friends and family. Thanks so much again for your generosity and compassion. It means the world to us when we think that Taylor's network of "guardian angels" extends to people she's never met in places she's never been.

When I update our website this weekend, I will include a link to your site on my blog.

Laura King Edwards  
Charlotte, NC

Dear Mr. Renna,

I have been to several events here in Charlotte held for raise money and awareness of this dreadful disease. A friend of mine whose daughter who has Batten Disease told me about a story about Sharon King and Taylor at a fundraiser for Batten Disease that she had coordinated.

I am from Charlotte and got to know Sharon when she was the President of the Junior League of Charlotte; I have worked in the JL office as the administrative secretary for years - as well as being a sustaining member of the organization, too. She is a very strong woman and the story was heartwarming. Sharon, Taylor and their family are a true inspiration.

Page Renger  
Charlotte, NC

Dear Joe,

I finally retired from Hess Oil after 26 years and am presently a consultant for the company going on 5 years. Before that I worked 26 years with the F.B.I. Not bad for a kid from Peterstown. I've been very blessed.

Keep up the good work and good writing. Loved your article on Columbus.

Regards,  
Joseph DiLeo  
Monroe Township, NJ



# Editor's Opinion

*everybody has one - this is mine - by Joe Renna*

The rituals of my religion had me perplexed; and I had 12 years of Catholic schooling. I could not imagine how others could understand the significance of the ceremonies and the lectures without a Phd in theology. It took me years beyond high school to really grasp the intricacies of my religion. The key was to find out what they ment to me.

Catholics run the spectrum from those who follow a literal interpretation of the scriptures and ceremonies to those who understand them as being symbolic. What seems amazing is that for over two billion Catholics in the world no two individuals worship in the same way, or, as I discovered, need to. I always felt that those who took the word literally were missing something, but I came to realize that I should not have been judging them on how they worship but instead on how they lived. Understanding the mysteries of divine grace is not necessary to live in the grace of God. This was a life lesson learned where I saw even the most religious types forget everything about loving their neighbor if there is a buck to be made.

It is the message that is important, pure and simple - Love thy Neighbor. It is possible to live a life loving thy neighbor but history has shown that without spiritual guidance the evil side of human nature can reek havoc. So religions develop a systems that teaches right from wrong.

As Catholics we use the teachings of Jesus Christ to show us the way. Accepting what he had to say and doing what he preached is our daily challenge. Some times the right thing is the hardest choice to make. That's when we could use some devine intervention.

Critics of the church miss the challenge that world wide religions face. The church must minister to all cultures of the world, from metropolises to farm villages, yet keep the basic tenets intact. Beside the accommodations of local customs, it is amazing how little the rituals change from culture to culture. It is even more impressive that the church has maintained its structure for 2000 years.

The new challenge is for the church to keep up with technology, more so, to stay relevant in today's culture. It has become easy to dismiss the church's teachings because they are steeped in traditions and history that is

no longer taught. There was a time when spirituality was the first lesson in the home. Raising a good person was more important than raising a good earner.

As people get more sophisticated in understanding nature, they are less inclined to feel a need for developing spiritually. There is less need for interpersonal relationships. People became more superficial when it comes to communities. The emotional investment of being neighbors no longer exists. Right and wrong has less to do with helping or hurting someone else and all to do with "What would benefit me."

It seems that the people who criticize the church are the ones who can benefit the most from its teachings. They end up sounding ridiculous because they built a huge intellectual argument against how the church operates and seem unable to grasp the significance of the actions. For instance, the sanctity of life is the most basic concept embraced by Catholics, but the concept is never included in scientific discussions concerning life issues. It is more convenient to leave it out. The Church is a threat to anyone looking to avoid facing their own conscience when choosing right from wrong. The choices are really simple: Choose good over evil, choose love over hate, choose others over yourself.

The Pope just released his Ten Commandments for cars. This may be his attempt to get through to these jet-set, book-smart, pseudo-intellectuals who can only see things literally.

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*Not for Nothing But...*

what would Jesus do if  
he was cut off on the  
parkway by some jerk  
on a car phone.

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## ST. ANTHONY'S ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

A committee was formed to plan the events celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the construction of St. Anthony's Church. They have been meeting monthly and working in between organizing the details.

Aside form the special mass that will be celebrated on November 10, and the dinner dance to follow the committee is producing a souviner journal. Businesses and individuals wishing to be included in the book can

purchase space. Ads and memorials are welcome.  
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(above) The Committee planning the St. Anthony's Church Anniversary Celebration (sitting, l-r) Rose Perone, Father Gennaro Sesto, Zuleyma Passano, Mary Wilks, Father John Masiello, and Chairperson Al Rugani. (standing, l-r) Bill DePaolo, Anita Cupo, Sandra Otero, Deacon Joe Caporaso, Father Greg Fishel, Pat Cupo, Joe Renna and John Sacco.

## A NOTE FROM PASTOR FR. PAT

Dear Parishioners and friends of St. Anthony's,  
On November 6, 2007, we will celebrate the 80th anniversary of the construction and dedication of our present Church. This is an outstanding accomplishment in the history of any church, and we intend to have a year of celebration. Of course, there can be no celebration unless you our loyal parishioners and friends are involved.

The reason for this letter is to invite all of you to mark your calendars for the Gala Dinner Dance on Saturday, November 10, 2007. There will be a special trilingual Mass before the dinner. We as a family will pray and celebrate together.

In addition, there will be many interesting and enjoyable programs going on during the next few months leading up to the Gala. We will inform you of these activities when the schedule is finalized.

So remember to circle this important date on your calendar now!

Special Mass & Gala Dinner Dance November 10, 2007.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the various events during the year. Thank you for the help you give the parish.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Father Patrick Diver  
Pastor

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# K OF C 3310 HONORS 50 YEAR MEMBERS

On June 10, 2007, the Elizabeth, NJ Knights of Columbus Council 3310 held its annual communion breakfast in the cafeteria of St. Anthony's School following a mass in the church at 9:00. It was one of the largest turn outs in memory.

Family and friends of honorees filled the cafeteria for breakfast and fellowship, and to pay tribute. Traditionally the breakfast is used to award members of the Elizabeth Fire Department, Police Department and Emergency Medical Unit. In addition to presenting these awards the K of C launched a scholarship program which awarded 4 scholarships to students attending Elizabeth Catholic grammar schools.

The high light of the morning was the recognition of the two council members who reached a milestone of 50 years. Stanley Wenks and Pete Renna joined the

Knights of Columbus in 1957, a short time after the Elizabeth Council was formed.

Presently there are four K of C councils in Elizabeth, the oldest being #253 which meets at a club house behind the post office on Broad Street. Council 11213 meets on Washington Street in St. Mary's church. The newest council is Our Lady of Fatima #11798.

Council 3310 meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Peterstown Community Center on Palmer Street in the Peterstown section of the city. Their original club house on Summer Street burned down 25 years ago.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the organization can attend one of their meetings. Pope John Paul II called the Knights of Columbus "The right hand of the Catholic Church." Quite an honor. 📞



(above) District Deputy of the KofC Emilio Paelez addressed the guests at the communion breakfast.

(left, l-r) Grand Knight Pat Cupo, 50 year member honorees Stanley Wenks and Pete Renna, Financial Secretary Drew Swider.

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The Knights of Columbus 3310 recognizes three individuals at their annual communion breakfast who work to ensure that the citizens of Elizabeth are safe and protected. A fireman, police officer and emergency

medical technician are honored for exemplary work in the line of duty. The 2007 recipients are EMT Monika Konopka, Fire Fighter Steven McConlogue and Police Officer Frank Gonzolas. 🇵🇸

## FIRST TIME SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The 2007 Communion breakfast for the Knights of Columbus 3310 featured the presentation of four scholarships to local students. The Elizabeth based organization works closely with the Catholic grammar schools and developed a scholarship program that would assist students.

Seventh grade students were invited to write essays on the value of a Catholic education titled “What a Catholic Education Means to Me”. Four finalists were

chosen and were presented a \$1,000 scholarship each to help with their 8th grade tuition.

Grand Knight Pat Cupo would like to attract more funding in subsequent years and see the program grow.

This year’s recipients were Colina Agostinho and Michael Jones from St. Patrick’s Grammar School and Evelen Vega and Carla Gomes from St. Anthony’s. 🇵🇸



(above, l-r) Recipients of the 2007 Knights of Columbus Shield Awards, EMT Monika Konopka, Fire Fighter Steven McConlogue and Police Officer Frank Gonzolas.

(far left) St Anthony’s School principal Sister Marie Charitina stands between scholarship winners, Evelen Vega and Carla Gomes.

(left) Knights of Columbus Financial Secretary Drew Swider and Grand Knight Pat Cupo stand behind scholarship recipients from St. Patrick’s Grammar School, Colina Agostinho and Michael Jones.

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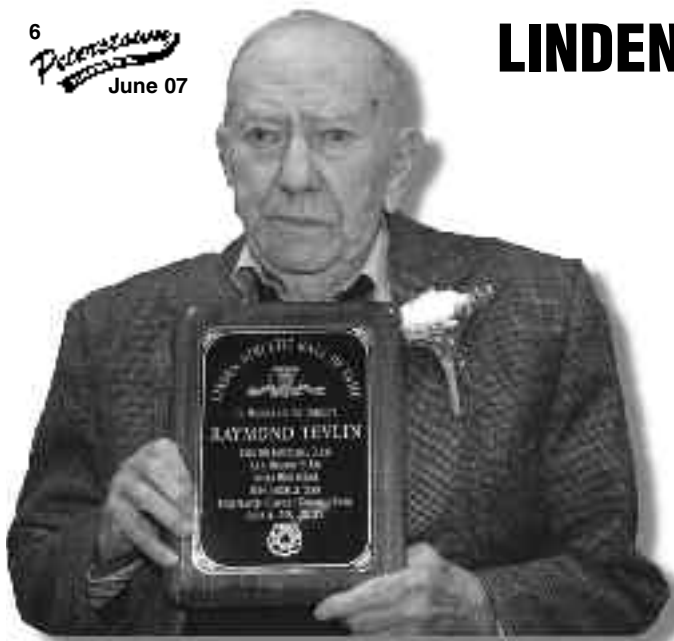
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(above) Ray Tevlin is the only living member of Linden High School's 1934 Football team which finished its season undefeated, untied and unscored upon.

## LINDEN HALL OF FAME DINNER A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

The Linden Athletic Hall of Fame, Inc. was founded on February 16, 2006. Twenty individuals stepped up to take on the challenge of forming the organization whose goals were to honor the outstanding athletes, coaches and teams that made a positive contribution to the city of Linden, and to present scholarships to Linden High School seniors who plan to attend college.

On April 29, 2007 the organization held its first Dinner featuring the induction of the inaugural class of Hall of Famers. Three teams and fourteen individuals were honored. The evening was thoroughly impressive and a success at every level. The honorees and scholarship recipients were extremely appreciative, the audience was entertained and the the city as a whole

was uplifted. The buzz following the event was focused on next year's dinner.

The stories of the hall of famers are inspirational. Recognizing their achievements is important to the students of today. These are role models that local youth can relate to; they grew up on the same streets and attended the same schools.

The committee must be commended for a job well done. The officers in this inaugural year are Chairman Emanuel Riggi, Vice Chairman Alfred Volpe, Treasurer Walter Martin, and Secretary Gary Luciano.

More information about the Linden Athletic Hall of Fame can be found by contacting Linden's Department of Recreation at 908-474-8600. 📞

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ELIZABETH STUDENT IS ENVOY TO WASHINGTON

Anthony Markowitz, a student at Monsignor Joao S. Antao #31, was accepted into the People to People World Leadership Forum. Markowitz joined a select group of students in Washington, D.C., April 9-15, 2007. He studied leadership and explored some of the United States' most prominent monuments and institutions.

From Capitol Hill to the Smithsonian Institute, and from Colonial Williamsburg to the National Museum of American History, Markowitz examined the characteristics of American leadership during times of national challenge and prosperity. Forum delegates also participated in small-group discussions and exercises to experience first-hand how successful leaders develop strategies, make decisions, build consensus, and foster change.

Markowitz was nominated and accepted for the honor based on outstanding scholastic merit, civic involvement and leadership potential.

The program is coordinated by People to People Student Ambassador Programs to fulfill the vision Dwight D. Eisenhower had for fostering world citizenship when he founded People to People during his Presidency in 1956.

Anthony Conte Markowitz is the grandson of Anthony Conte and Santina L. Conte who were life-long residents of Peterstown. Antony Conte was the Principal of Benjamin Franklin School #13 for 25 years and served as 6th ward councilman for 2 terms. Santina taught for 50 years for the Elizabeth School District.



(above, l-r) Elizabeth ambassador to Washington Anthony Markowitz with Anthony Anderson, his roommate from California.

ROCCO CRINCOLI FULFILLS PROMISE MADE TO DAD

St. Peter's College (Jersey City) recently held their commencement exercises at the PNC Arts Center in Holmdel, NJ. Sitting proudly in the audience was Olga Crincoli eagerly waiting for her son Rocco's name to be called.

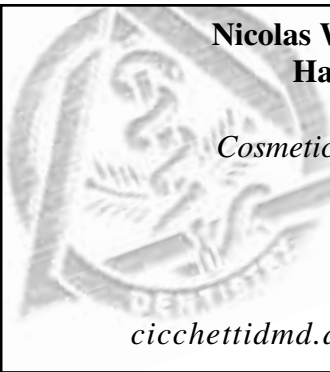
Rocco's late dad, Antonio, worked tirelessly to provide for his family prior to his untimely death while Rocco was still in high school. He and Olga instilled in all of their children a tremendous work ethic and love for family. While growing up, Rocco promised his dad that he would go to college and make him proud. Rocco's promise, combined with a work ethic not commonly found in a teenager, motivated him to obtain an accounting degree in four years while also working, practically full-time, as an assistant controller at an investment company.

When Rocco's name was called, Olga and Rocco's siblings, Carmine, Maria and Anthony along with several aunts, uncles and cousins beamed with pride. They all knew that Antonio would have felt more pride than all of them combined.



(left, l-r) Olga and son Rocco at his graduation from St. Peter's College.

(left, l-r) Antonio Crincoli and son at his 8th grade graduation from Gillette Elementary School in Gillette, NJ in 1999.



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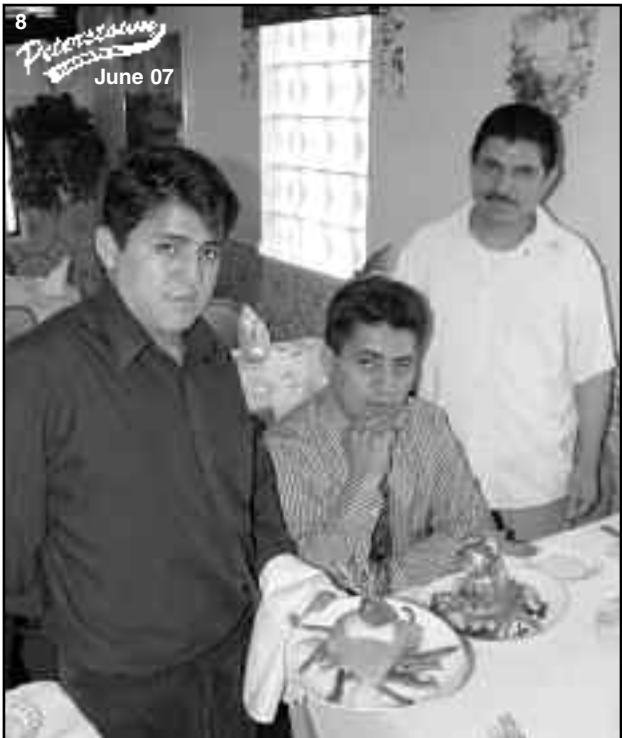


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(above) Ruben, Victor and Jesus discuss how they will present the specials of the day, Alaskan Pink Salmon and Rack of Lamb.

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# A PLEASANT SURPRISE AT TEQUILA’S GRILL

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Victor Vinanzaca took over ownership of the bar/restaurant in November of 2006. The restaurant has always been a popular lunch location for city, county and hospital employees. At night couples dine in close quarters in two rooms that fit about sixty people and the bar is lively. Once or twice a month there is even a live Mariachi band entertaining.

The surprises that owner Victor Vinanzaca has in store for his partons are his special of the day. Aside form a full menu of mixed cuisine, Spanish, Mexican and Italian, Victor plans and prepares dishes based on availability of quality meat and fish. Together with his brother Ruben and chef Jesus, he offers exquisite options every day.

There is another surprise at Tequila's and that is the service at the bar. As the name suggests, a lot of care is put into preparing cocktails. From a variety of sangrias to their freshly made “Pilon” the drink selection matches the menu perfectly.

The easiest way to get to Tequila's is to drive to the end of Rahway Avenue and bear right under the train trestle. The restaurant will be the first building on the right. Rahway Avenue in Elizabeth is a continuation of St. George’s Avenue in Linden. There is usually parking available on the street but Tequila's has its own off street parking. Tequila’s kitchen is open seven days a week 11am to 11pm and until midnight on weekends.

(right) Claudia Zuluaga of Tequila’s Grill stands before the ingredients to make Mojitos.



## HOW TO MAKE A MOJITO

Crush fresh mint leaves and put them into a “Pilon.” Add sugar and Bacardi rum and transfer into a shaker filled with crushed ice. Then shake and pour into a glass with a slice of lime.

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# GRAN CENTURIANS AWARD 6 SCHOLARSHIPS

Mrs. Josephine Vincenti, 2007 Chairperson of the Gran Centurions Club of Clark, announced annual scholarship awards were recently presented to graduating seniors.

Guest speaker for the presentation dinner was Mr. Joseph Columbo, retired Superintendent of Middlesex County Vocational School. Working on the committee with Vincenti were Mrs. Marge Jasman, Mrs. Betty Raimone, and Mr. Angelo Preite.

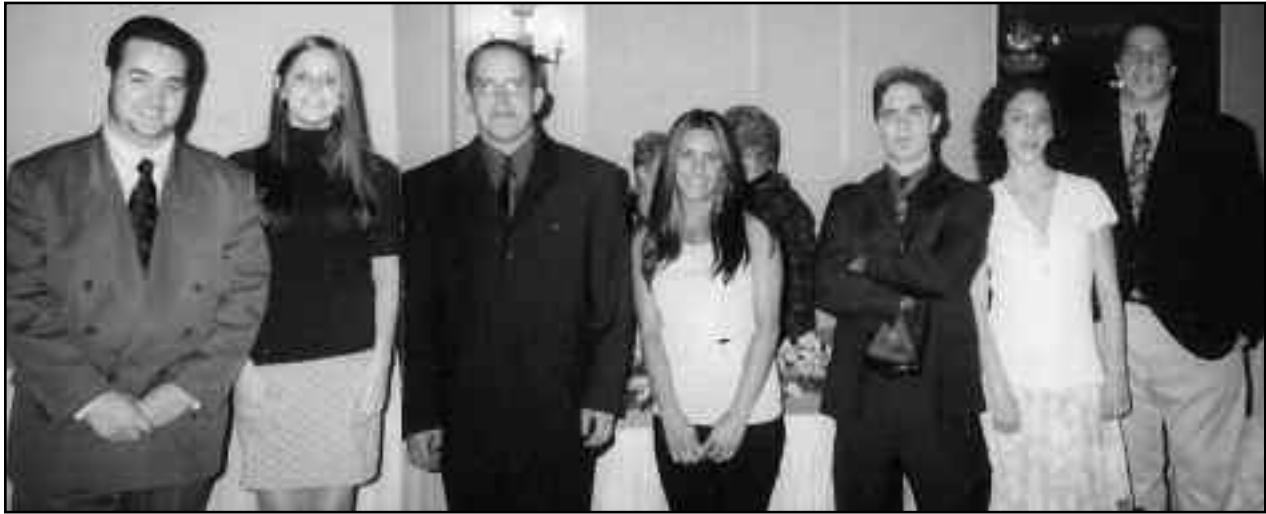
Scholarships were awarded to Jillian Fiore, Alissa

Imbriaco, and Robert Kircher from Arthur Johnson High School of Clark; Michael Sobociencki from St. Joseph High School in Metuchen; Eric Toglia from Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights.

In addition to the Scholarships, awards were presented to Angela Vaccaro and Timothy McArdle, from Johnson H.S., for their proficiency in the Italian language. The Twig Scholarship, affiliated with Robert Wood Johnson Hospital, was awarded to Dominic Filiciello also from John H.S.



(left, l-r) Joseph Columbo, Betty Rainone, Marge Jasmon, Chairperson Jo Vincenti and Angelo Preite.



(below, l-r) Tim McArdle, Jill Fiore, Bob Kircher, Alissa Imbriaco, Dom Filiciello, Angela Vaccaro, and Eric Toglia, Michael Sobociencki is missing from photo.

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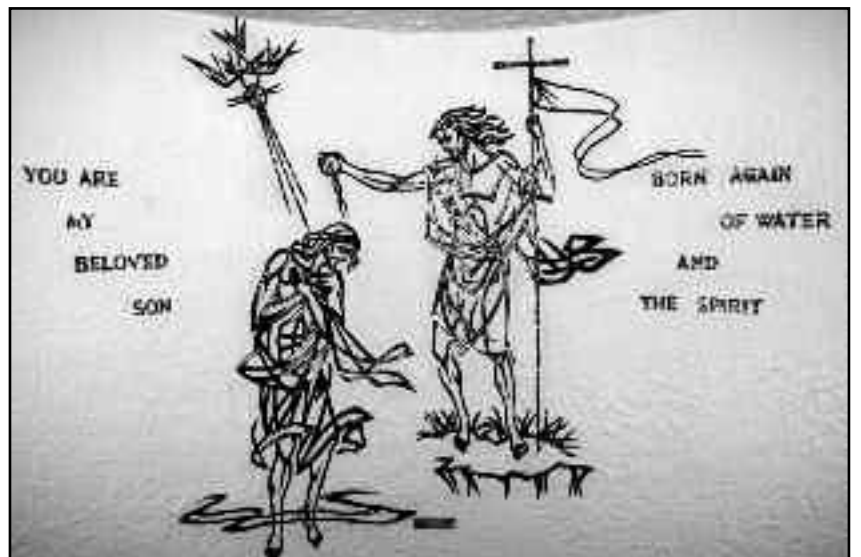
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(above) The Resurrection of the Lord  
(right) The Baptism of Jesus

(right) Christ taken down from the Cross



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difficulties of this enterprise were only surmounted by the tough fiber of the young Pastor and his Salesian Confreres.

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**The second Church 1903 - 1927** was a wooden structure, an abandoned German Methodist Church on Centre Street, it was purchased in 1903 by Fr. Giovanni Bertolotto. We became an official Parish on December 27, 1905, under the name of St. Anthony of Padua. Here

**The coming of the Salesians - 1924** Fr. Leonardo Ruvolo arrived with some Salesians on December 8, feast of the Immaculate Conception, and set to the task of paying off the “huge” debt he had found here. That done in short order, Fr. Ruvolo challenged his people to erect a new Church worthier of God and the swelling ranks of Italian immigrants. The

**St. John Bosco**, founder of the Salesians, was canonized in 1934, two years after Fr. Ruvolo's death in New York City. But other Salesians had succeeded him, like Fr. Ceasar Rinaldi who served as pastor from 1933 - 1938. He followed the brief stay of Fr. Zolin 1931 - 1933. To commemorate Don Bosco's Canonization in Rome, Fr. Ceasar erected a beautiful statue which still graces our Third Avenue site. Fr. Ceasar organized classes for the young and parish societies for young and adults.



Fr. Anthony Bregolato  
(Pastor 1939-1948)

rest of the Parish facilities. Fr. Ceasar died after serving only one month as successor to Fr. Bregolato.

**Fr. Anthony Bregolato** succeeded Fr. Ceasar in 1939 and served for nine years as Pastor until 1948. During the years of World War II when he held the people together in faith and patiently nibbled away at the huge debt. The mortgage was burned in 1944 and in the next 4 years, Fr. Bregolato laid the financial basis for the building of the



St. Anthony's Grammar School

**St. Anthony's School - 1956** brought new life to the Parish with the continued efforts of Fr. A. Trifari 1948 - 1953 who called the Salesian Sisters to start the school on a temporary basis, the wise planning of Fr. Dominic Battistello and a successful campaign, made a dream come true at last. The school was dedicated September 7, 1958.



St. John Bosco



St. Anthony's Convent

**In 1961 the Rectory and in 1963 the Convent were added.** Such was the momentum of the early sixties, that contractors never left the premises. In a short time both buildings were paid in full during the brief pastorate of Fr. A.J. Louis 1963 - 1967. An outstanding organizer and administrator, Fr. Louis consolidated the finances and left the parish solvent. He returned to his beloved South America Missions where he still serves.



Rev. August Bosio  
(Pastor 1967-1975)

Bregolato retired here after serving as pastor. Fr. Dominic Di Guardo was in poor health and dedicated his time to the parish office. Fr. Frank Kelly headed the youth work in school and C.Y.O. He also served as Pre-Can coordinator.

**The new Pastor, Fr. August Bosio**, came in 1967 and during the decade here formed a team of six Salesian Priests. Fr. John Murphy found a fertile field in the care of the hospitals and the Hispanic population. The shut-in's, elderly and the Italians fell to the care first of Fr. Brice and then to Fr. Bordin. Fr. Anthony



Youth Center Dedication

**The Youth Center was dedicated on December 8, 1968.** The small gym is never idle with the classes using it for Physical Ed Programs and the various teams for practice.

**The liturgical renovation of the Church** began in 1967 as the 40th Anniversary was being celebrated. New flooring, pews, lighting fixtures, heating/air conditioning system, the baptistery and winter chapel and the altar and pulpit were added.



Church Interior 1967

In order to always maintain the beauty of St. Anthony's, another renovation took place in 1998 under the direction of our then pastor, Fr. Vincent Zuliani. Through his efforts and the efforts of all the parishioners of St. Anthony's, we've continued to take pride in the beauty of our church.

Upon the arrival of Fr. Don Delaney as pastor in 1998 and through his efforts, the restoration of the Rose window took place as well as the restoration of all the inner doors of our church. Before leaving us, Fr. Don's dream was to build a garage with a patio as part of the rectory, for the enjoyment and relaxation of not only our priests and brothers, but various organizations of the parish. This dream was realized before he left us in 2004.

Today, under the leadership of Fr. Patrick Diver who joined our parish in 2004, we are getting ready to celebrate the success of our 80th anniversary.

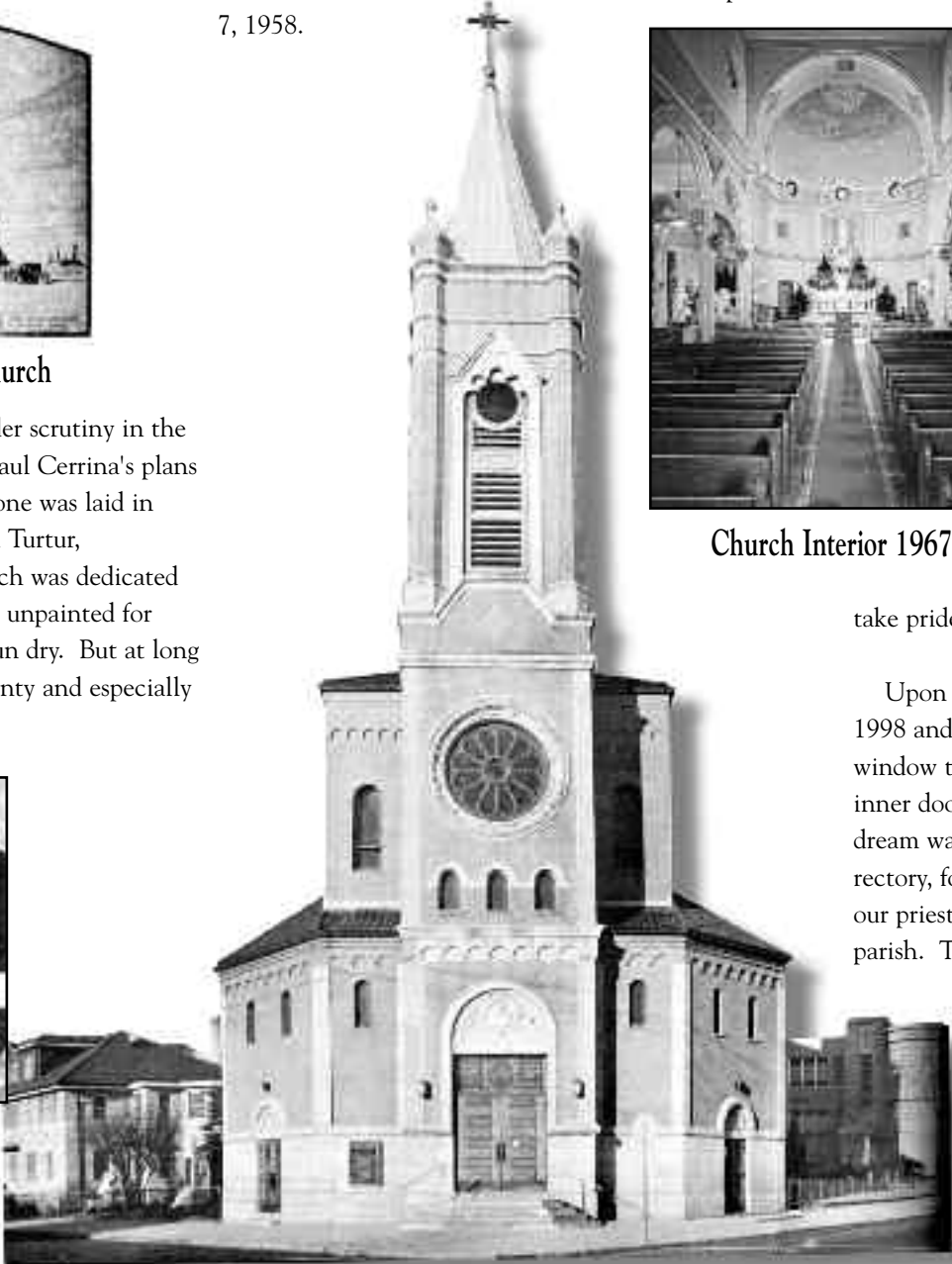


Sketch of plans for new church

**St. Anthony's new Church** first came under scrutiny in the architect's rendering here reproduced. Paul Cerrina's plans were approved quickly and the corner stone was laid in November 1926. In just one year Joseph Turtur, contractor, finished his work. The Church was dedicated Sunday, November 6, 1927 and was used unpainted for almost a decade because the funds had run dry. But at long last the Italian population of Union County and especially Elizabeth, had a permanent Church.



Burning of the Church  
Mortgage Ceremony





# SCULPTURES OF ST.

The statues below are displayed throughout St. Anthony of Padua Church.  
Since the construction of the church in 1927, the collection has grown  
made from a variety of materials by different artists. Most statues are made of wood.  
They are located throughout the church and recorded in the church inventory.



Madonna and Child



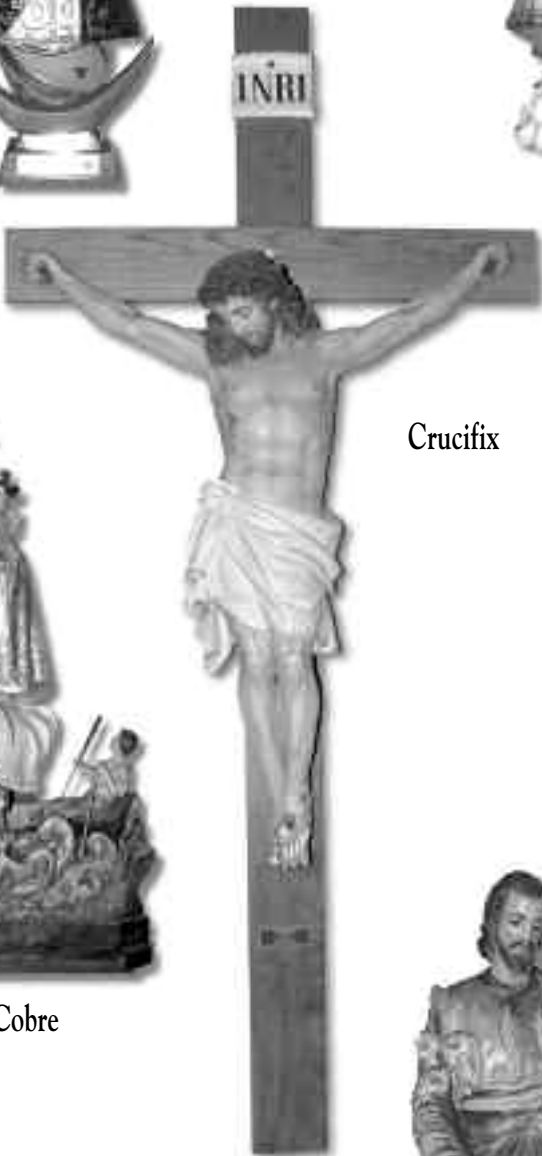
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de Praga



Crucifix



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Mary Help of Christians



St. Joseph with Child



St. John Bosco



St. Theresa



The Burial of the Lord



Pieta



(below) The Thirteen Stations of the Cross



# ANTHONY'S CHURCH

Anthony's Church located in the Peterstown Section of Elizabeth, NJ. The church has grown to approximately 60 pieces of different styles, some in full color, others just raw material. The church is a story as well as outdoors on the church property.



Joseph with Child



Our Lady of Mount Carmel



St. Anthony of Padua



Risen Christ



St. Pio of Pietrulcina  
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St. Michael the Archangel



St. Vito



St. Anthony of Padua



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St. Anthony  
with Child



St. John Bosco



St. Anthony of Padua



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Crucifix



Our Lady of Fatima  
with Children







## CALLING ON ST. ANTHONY'S CLASS OF 1962

It has been 45 years since the first graduation class left St. Anthony's grammar school in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth. The class started out as the first 1st grade class and the school added the next grade as the students advanced. The school grew to have classes of students from kindergarten through 8th grade.

Classmates Jerry Oriscello, Mike Minitelli and Frank Malta recently got together to plan a class reunion. Their first task is to locate all the graduates. Details for the event are not yet hammered out.

The conversation at the first meeting of the committee quickly turned to the glory days and how St. Anthony's

went undefeated and won the city championship beating St. Genevieve's who was also undefeated. There were thirteen Catholic grammar schools in Elizabeth at that time which made up the Catholic School League. That year the team also traveled to Connecticut and New York to play exhibitions. Jerry, Mike and Frank all played on that team, coached by Mike Camerino and Joe DeRose.

The committee is encouraging anyone who is a member of that class or knows of someone who is to contact Mike at 908-687-5213 or Frank at 908-355-1176. Anyone wanting to assist in planning the reunion are really really encouraged to call. 🙌🙌

(left, l-r) Jerry Oriscello, Frank Malta and Mike Minitelli who are spearheading a 45 year grammar school class reunion and are looking for classmates. They made their first stop at Spirito's Restaurant.

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OR FRANK AT 908-355-1176**



(above) Saint Anthony's School Graduation Class of 1962 (top row l-r) Frank M. Sacco, Karen D. Williams, Vincent W. Taglialavoro, (row 2) Gerald S. Salemi, Virginia M. Odeven, Frank J. Malta, Rosalie M. Francaviglia, Carmen C. Corsentino, Patricia M. Catalano, John J. Marinio, Josephine L. Mazza, Fred J. Santorelli, (row 3) Antoinette G. Colicchio, James K. Pike, Frances A. Mangina, Nicholas J. Miceli, Kathleen M. Ferrell, Robert T. Copeland (d), Frances M. D'Accio, Rodney R. Proto, Virginia C. De Cesare, (row 4) Guy T. Galbreath, Anne M. Mancini, Jerry M. Oriscello, Frances M. Mauro, Rosara L. Ferrara, Diane C. Casinelli, Joseph B. Tavormina (d), Joann R. Fiomar, Michael P. Minitelli, (row 5) Arlene J. Rubino, Albert R. Rugani (d), Karen A. Miller, Peter J. Bastardo, Querin B. Stango (d), Walter N. Zennario, Donna M. Manetta, Michael F. Tornambe, Rosetta G. De Mattia. (d)= deceased

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# Recipes

Submitted by Mary Wilks

## Rice Balls

### INGREDIENTS

1 lb. Carolina Rice  
1 1/2 sticks butter softened  
1/4 cup parsley  
3 eggs hardboiled  
3 eggs uncooked  
1 small package of mozzarella  
1/4 lb thick ham or 1/4 lb thick salami  
1 1/2 lbs. plain bread crumbs  
1 cup grated Parmesan cheese  
Salt and pepper to taste  
Vegetable oil

### PREPARATION:

- 1) Cook rice as directed - Do not over cook
- 2) Cut mozzarella, salami or ham, and hardboiled eggs into 1/4 inch chunks
- 3) Drain rice well
- 4) Meanwhile beat together egg whites and yolks with butter, grated cheese, parsley, salt and pepper
- 5) Add drained rice to mixture
- 6) Take a portion of rice in hand and flatten slightly, place a piece of ham or salami, mozzarella and hardboiled egg in center then shape into a ball
- 7) Roll rice ball in breadcrumbs
- 8) Deep fry until golden brown

Makes 18 rice balls

## Fried Zucchini Flowers

### INGREDIENTS

1 egg  
1 teaspoon olive oil  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon black pepper  
1 1/2 cups flour  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 cup warm water  
1/4 cup parsley chopped  
1/2 cup basil chopped  
1/2 cup grated cheese  
20 zucchini flowers washed and chopped.  
(Keep in water until ready to use, shake water off and add to mix, do not dry.)  
Vegetable oil for frying

### PREPARATION:

- 1) In a medium bowl, beat eggs lightly.
- 2) Add olive oil, warm water, salt, pepper, baking powder, basil, parsley and grated cheese.
- 3) Gradually add flour and mix until the consistency of a smooth pancake batter.
- 4) Add chopped flowers and mix well. Add more water to flour if need. Let stand for at least 30 minutes.
- 5) Heat oil in a large skillet.
- 6) When the oil is very hot drop a teaspoon of mixture into oil, careful not to crowd. Fry on both sides until lightly golden.
- 7) Drain on paper towels.

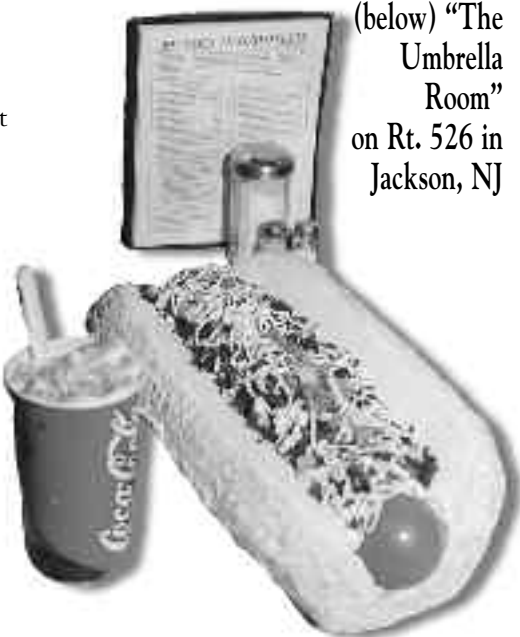


(above, l-r) Anthony and Mary Wilks hosted a meeting for the St. Anthony's Dinner Dance Committee. The group was treated to an outdoor Bar-B-Que that included rice balls that Mary had made. She was gracious enough to share the recipe for them with the readers of this newspaper. (see left)

## JOANNE'S MAKES TOTALLY EDIBLE HOT DOG

When Allen Muenster retired from the Elizabeth Board of Education as an electrician for 25 years he set his sights on a new career as a hot dog vendor. Allen, who was born and raised in Elizabeth, NJ, now lives in Howell. he bought a vending cart "The Umbrella Room" and its located in Jackson.

When it was time for a going away party, his workmates ordered a cake from Joanne's Luncheonette, located in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, NJ. Phyllis, at Joanne's, makes specialty cakes as part of the business. Phyllis took the theme and ran with it. She created a two feet by one foot replica of a hot dog using chocolate for the dog and yellow cake for the roll. The ends of the dog were covered with Molded chocolate and colored red. Condiments were made from candies. The cake was sculpted and airbrushed with food coloring and served with a large coke. The cup was real but the foam was whipped cream. 🍌🥤



(below) "The Umbrella Room" on Rt. 526 in Jackson, NJ



(right) Allen Muenster gets ready to make a wish and cut into his Hot Dog Cake.



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Frank and Doris Bonavitacola celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 1, 2007.

Frank was born in Bisaccia, Italy and came to the U.S. in 1946 and settled on Christine Street in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, NJ. Doris was born in Jersey City and later moved to Elizabeth.

Frank and Doris met at the Spar Club in Elizabeth in September, 1956 and were married on June 1, 1957.

They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Pantagis Renaissance, in Scotch Plains. Deacon Joseph Caparasa officiated the renewal of their vows. They have four children, Anthony, Robert, Frank, Jr. and Mary Ann.

They have six grandchildren, Frank Anthony, Meghan, Breanne, Geanna, Julia and Lauren.



(top l-r) Newly-weds Doris and Frank in 1957.  
(above, l-r) Doris and Frank in 2007 celebrating 50 years of marriage.

(left) Doris and Frank together with their four children and six grandchildren.



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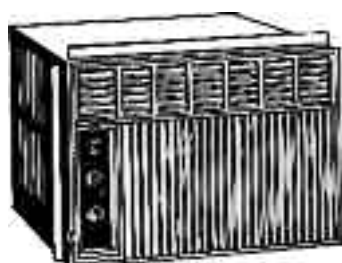
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VAL AND AGNES IMBRIACO MARRIED 60 YEARS  
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On April 11, 1938, the Cusumano family moved into the second floor apartment of a two family home in Elizabeth, NJ. James and Mary Cusumano had five children, the youngest was Agnes, who was 14 years old at the time.

Agnes attended Cleveland Jr. High School in the Peterstown section of the city and then went on to Battin High School, graduating in 1944. Agnes was a gifted saxophone player and played in the school band, which earned all-county and all-state honors.

Living on the first floor of this two family house was a boy also 14 years old, Valentino Imbriaco. The attraction between Val and Agnes was immediate. Agnes was adorably cute and Val would carry her saxophone when ever she performed.

After graduating high school Agnes went on to work at Phelps Dodge Co. She never gave up her music though. She played in the company band and at war bond rallies. She even made a professional recording, singing "Indian Love Call" with her sister, Lil. She also played at clubs as part of a dance band.

Val, on the other hand, had joined the service and was sent overseas. He returned on May 17, 1947, back into the arms of his childhood sweetheart, and one month later on July 27, he and Agnes were married in St. Anthony's Church.

Together Val and Agnes had three sons, Val Anthony, James and Greg. Encouraged by their parents, all three sons are college graduates. All three are married, Val Anthony to Maryann, James to Arleen, Greg to Geri. Val and Agnes have five grandchildren, James's son David and daughters Adrienne and Julia, and Anthony's daughter Andria and son Matthew. Val

and Agnes doted over their grandchildren. Agnes played the piano and conducted sing-a-longs and played school marm as she taught them their three R's.

Since their marriage the Imbriacos have lived in Linden and became an integral part of the community through their involvement with civic organizations and government. Both help the Linden Chapter of Deborah and are members of the Knights of Columbus Post 2859. Val was councilman of the 8th Ward from 1962 to 1967. He became city clerk on November 1, 1977. Val will be retiring on November 1, 2007, completing 35 years of service.

(right, l-r) Agnes and Val dance their first dance as a married couple to the song "Always."



(above, l-r) The bridal party consisted of Rose Cronk, Paul Volpe, Catherine Jones, Agnes and Val, Louis Imbriaco, Mary Nufrio and Anthony Nufrio.



(above, l-r) The bride was given away by her brother Charles.



(above) This Imbriaco family portrait was taken in 1997 at the celebration of Val and Agnes' 50th wedding anniversary party. (front, l-r) Julio, David, Arleen, Geraldine, Maryann, and Andria. (back, l-r) James, Adrienne, Gregory, Agnes, Val, and Matthew.

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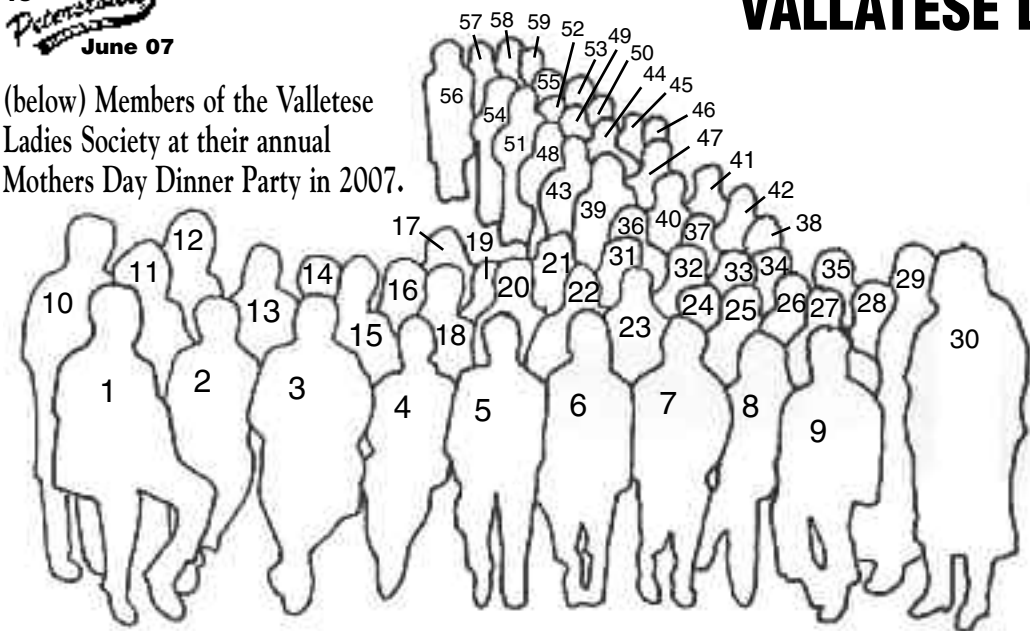
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(below) Members of the Vallatese Ladies Society at their annual Mothers Day Dinner Party in 2007.



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Although they have been around a meir 67 years, the Vallatese Ladies Society is a big part of the men's club success. The men's club, which started in 1907, is celebrating its 100th anniversary. Included in that celebration is the role that the women have played in making the clubs grow together.

Membership is up in both the men's and women's clubs with a sizable amount of youth from the next generation of Italian-Americans with Vallatese lineage. Vallata is a small town in the mountains of Irpinia in the Province of Avellino, in the region of Campagna, Italy.

Around the time of Mother's Day, the Vallatese Ladies hold an annual dinner for members and guests, women only. The members and guests reach a total of around one hundred.

There is a bit of symbolism in the way the women are waited on, served their food and drinks, are entertained and allowed to relax. It is in direct opposite to how they live the rest of the 364 days of the year. 🍷👩



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# ANGELA CRINCOLI HARRINGTON SELECTED AS ONE OF NJ'S BEST WOMEN IN BUSINESS

NJBIZ magazine has named Angela Crincoli Harrington, CEO and president of Harrington Communications, one of New Jersey's Best 50 Women in Business for 2007.

Angela was among the 50 women honored during a gala event held at the Palace in Somerset, N.J. on March 19. She is also featured with Best Women in Business co-honorees in a special NJBIZ supplement that was published on March 26.

The inaugural award program, produced by NJBIZ, New Jersey's premiere business news publication, is sponsored by Wachovia Bank, Withum Smith & Brown and Morgan Lewis & Boyden Global Executive Search.

The NJBIZ Best Women Award recognizes New Jersey's most dynamic and distinguished women in business, paying tribute to their contributions to business and the community and ability to overcome obstacles in non-traditional work environments.

Angela founded Harrington Communications which is a full service strategic media, marketing and advertising agency, in 1999, with a mission to promote sales growth, create a positive image, and strengthen clients' links to businesses, communities, professional

associations, non-profit groups and consumers. An independent panel of judges selected the top 50 candidates based on dedication to business growth, professional and personal accomplishments, community involvement, and advocacy for women in business.

Angela is an Emmy-Award and Eddie-Award winning journalist and a graduate of Douglass College at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

Angela says that entrepreneurship runs in her family. Her father Pietro Crincoli owns Crincoli Woodworking in Elizabeth. Angela remembers helping out in the office answering phones when she was still in grade school. Her grandparents also owned a business. Her grandmother actually ran the family farm while the men went off to war.

Angela is a first generation American. Her maternal grandparents immigrated from the town of Monte Verde in Italy to the Peterstown Section of Elizabeth, N.J. It is where Angela gets her fondest memories of her childhood. Her father's side of the family was from Vallata, Italy. Her father is presently the president of the Vallatese Society of Elizabeth.




Angela Crincoli Harrington was named One of New Jersey's Best 50 Women in Business by NJBIZ Magazine.

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# FROM THE EULOGY FOR ALBY RUGANI

Submitted by Nancy and John DiCosmo

About 50 years ago, two little boys, one from Center Street and the other from 4th Ave somehow found each other and started playing together. From that time until this, a lifelong bond of friendship, family and love has come to pass. And it will not end now or ever.

Our memories of Alby, (we always called him that because his dad is Al) will be with us always, and they help to console us now in this time of sadness and grief.

We always seemed to find trouble...like the time when we were about 8 years old and the dirt road of High St. was being paved. Even then Alby liked machines, and as we played on the steamroller, he said he could start it. And of course he did. We ran away and left it running until it ran out of fuel. We didn't know how it happened when my father asked us about it.

His mechanical ability was evident even when he was a boy. One time he had just fixed up an old English race bike, especially the handbrakes. Then we went for a test ride, coming down Dairy Queen hill only the front brakes worked and he went head first over the handlebars. He walked home with his front teeth in his hand.

My mother loved Alby like another son. He was always welcome in our home and my father enjoyed having him eat over and come along on our weekly summertime trips to Keansburg on Saturday nights.

There was one time however when my mother's welcome turned into a torrent of hammer-like blows with a pair of drumsticks. He always liked guns and one day he found his father's pistol and brought it over to show me. We set up a shooting gallery in my cellar using my mom's pots and extra dishes as targets. We were shooting away when suddenly Alby grabbed his forehead after firing a shot and went down holding his head.

As he stood up and took his hand away, the blood was running down his face. I ran out of the cellar and called my mother to tell her that Alby shot himself. When she got to him she saw that he wasn't shot at all but that the slide of the ancient gun has blown off and hit him in the head, causing the tiny cut that was bleeding so profusely. She grabbed whatever was handy (in this case it was a pair of drumsticks) and proceeded to beat the daylights out of both of us, even though Alby was still bleeding like a stuck pig. Then she called Mr. Rugani and he came over with a hammer, which he thankfully used on the gun and saved his belt for Alby and me.



Albert R. Rugani  
1948-2007

This article is an excerpt from a eulogy for Alby Rugani delivered by his life-long best friends, Nancy and John DiCosmo at his funeral in St. Anthony's Church.


About this time, Alby and I started working at my mother's lemon ice stand. One of the jobs he hated most was going for ice around the block of South 7th Street with a wagon or wheelbarrow. Now my father had a second car in the yard and Alby figured it was faster and could hold more ice than the wheelbarrow, so at 15 he started driving to the icehouse whenever my mom needed ice. He never got stopped making all those trips to the icehouse.

A couple of years later we found out about girls and Alby found a cute little girl who lived on Second Ave. He and Cheryl Spital hit it off right away, even though her grandmother didn't like her going out with Alby in his '59 Dodge that Alby's grandfather gave him. And a complaint was registered with Mr. Rugani but it didn't stop Alby, but Cuba did!

Cheryl went away to live in Cuba and for that entire time Alby was miserable. I was away at college during this time so Alby had to find another shoulder to cry on, my girlfriend and future wife Nancy. For over a year, Alby would pour his heart out to her and she tried her best to console him but only time and Cheryl's return would heal his lovesick heart.

And return she did, marrying him, sharing her life and having three great kids with him. Albert John, Joanne and Angela. And in turn, they had two loving grandchildren, Cody and Madison Rose. And it's in his family that Alby found pride and happiness.

He tried to be the best husband, father and pop-pop that he could be and I think this is how he would like to be remembered. 🍷🍷

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WHAT IS THE FIRST RULE OF CHESS CLUB?

The Kenilworth Chess Club (KCC) has completed its 2007 Club Championship with winners in three categories based on a ranking point system. Winning the open class for the third year in a row was FM Steve Stoyko. The Under 1800 champ is Justin Roach and Joe Renna took the Under 1400 title.

To put things into perspective beginners start with a 1100 rating as set by the United States Chess Federation. The average player is about a 1450. Titles like "Expert" and "Master" are applied to players achieving a rating of 2000 and higher. A "Grandmaster" is rated over 2500. There are various titles such as IM, International Master that are also used upon occasion.

A WIN THAT GOT AWAY

Joe Demetrick (1583) - Joe Renna (provisional): Round 9, KCC 2007 Championships

Although I was competing for the Under 1400 crown everyone rated under 1800 played each other. I was able to pick up wins from a 1513 player and a 1434. I was able to draw against a Joe Demetrick, club president, who plays very well. My rating will be established after I play 20 USCF sanctioned games until then I have a provisional rating of 1109.

The interesting thing about my draw is that I actually missed a win! Analysis of the game later in the evening by some of the experts showed that on move 29 I missed mating my opponent in 4 moves. I could have taken an hour and not seen the win. I did though see an opportunity to draw and went for it. I was so happy to have an advantage at this point of the game against such a good player that I didn't want to go away empty handed. A draw gave me a half a point.

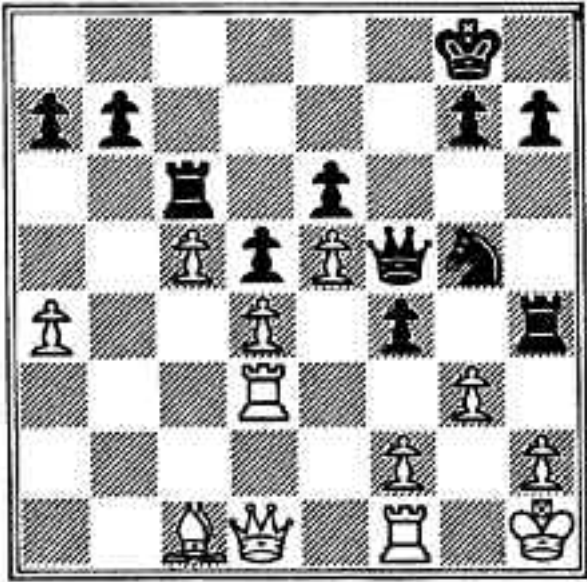
Visit the KCC website at kenilworthchessclub.org. There are two great blogs by members Michael Goeller and John Moldovan.

What I did: 29...Rh3 30.Bxf4 Ne4 31.f3 Nxb3+ 32.Bxb3 Rxb3 33.hxb3 Qh3+ Draw  
What I should have done: 29...Qe4+ 30.f3, fxb3 31.Rd2, Qxd4+ 32.Rxd4, Rxb2+ 33.Kg1, Nh3 Mate

FIDA is the international ruling body of chess. Only four people have ever achieved a rating above 2800.

The Kenilworth Chess Club has an impressive number of masters and experts on their roster. Club Champion FM Steve Stoyko is an ex-N.J. State Champion as well as Tom Bartell. The rest of the thirty members run the spectrum of strength and age from 10 year old Max to a few octogenarians.

Anyone interested in playing can show up at the Kenilworth recreation center on the Boulevard in Kenilworth, NJ any Thursday night from 8:00 pm til the wee hours or Sunday nights at Barnes and Noble on Rt 22 in Springfield, N.J. Membership not required.



29. Qd1... Black to play and win.



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(above) Ray Vella and Fireman of the Year Bill Lavin.

## RVCA HONORS POLICEMAN AND FIREMAN OF THE YEAR

The Raymond Vella Civic Association honored Elizabeth Fireman of the Year William J. Lavin and Elizabeth Policeman of the Year Raul De La Prida at its Third Annual Dinner-Dance on May 19, 2007.

In addition to being an Elizabeth Fireman, Lavin is President of the New Jersey State Fireman's Mutual Benevolent Association. Bill is also a member of the Board of Directors of Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation and a counselor at the Children's Burn Camp in Connecticut. He also serves as the director of the FMBA Foundation.

Raul De La Prida is an Elizabeth Police Officer. In 2006, Raul and his partner Franklin Idrovo continually surpassed expectations of the quality and quantity of felony arrests. He has gone beyond the call of duty and has volunteered to assist other units with investigations and has taken unassigned jobs. Raul is always willing to train and teach new officers and maintains a tremendous level of respect from his peers.

Proceeds raised by the Civic Association are used to fund programs helping people in need throughout Elizabeth and assisting other organizations achieve their goals.

## FRANK CUESTA LAUNCHES NEW ORGANIZATION

Frank Cuesta formed Elizabeth's Promise 2006, Inc., a non-profit organization that is focused on raising funds in order to create scholarships that will benefit Elizabeth's finest students. The group held its first annual awards ceremony on June 2, 2007 and awarded 25



Frank Cuesta

scholarships to graduating seniors on their way to college. Committee members consisted of President and Founder Frank Cuesta, Vice President Melissa Espana, Treasurer Angela Salazar, Vice Treasurer Rafael Cortes Jr., Secretary Teresa Parisi Alvarez. Board of Directors include Karen A. Cuesta, Dr. Miguel Guilarte and Chrine O'Neill.

The First Annual Scholarship Program was dedicated to the memory of Dominic Parisi, the first Executive Principal of Elizabeth High School from 1977-1991. At over 5,000 students, EHS is the largest High School in the country.



(above, l-r) Police Officer of the Year Raul De La Prida received his plaque from The RVCA Executive Board and Dinner Dance Committee, Secretary Nelson Gonzalez, Board Member Clara Gooddrige, Vice President John Moretti, Angela Salazar, Treasurer Marlena Nilsson, President Raymond Vella, Raul De La Prida, Amilcar Colon, Al Borrello, Luis Atienza, Dave Strockek, and Joseph Paternostro. Pat Byrnes is missing from the photo.



(above) Dominic Parisi, Elizabeth High School Principal from 1977 to 1991







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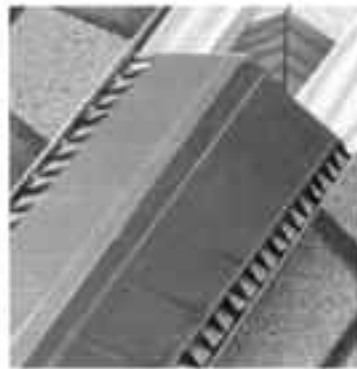
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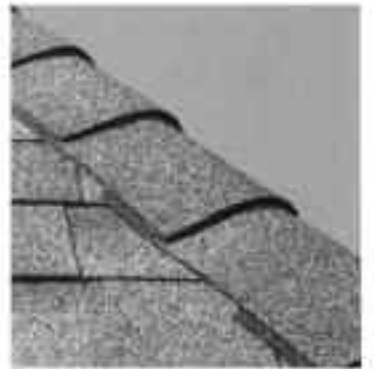
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