

“PAST & PRESENT”

MSGR. J. JOHN BUSCO “ENCLOSED IS A CHECK TO KEEP THE JJ COMING. I READ EVERY PAGE OF IT THE DAY IT ARRIVES. IT BRINGS BACK MANY HAPPY MEMORIES OF MY 23 YEARS AT ST. MARY OF THE ETERNAL. THE WORK THAT YOU AND YOUR STAFF DO FOR EACH ISSUE IS AMAZING. BEST WISHES TO ALL OF YOU!”

BOB, LISA, & JOANNE BARRA, 23RD & INDIANA, “JUST A NOTE TO LET YOU KNOW THAT OUR MOM GERT LAURENZI BARRA PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 15, 2005 AS A RESULT OF COMPLICATIONS DUE TO ALZHEIMERS DISEASE. THANK YOU!”

DENISE BASILE 2044 W INDIANA AVE. “MY FATHER BILL BASILE PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 26, 2005. HE WAS 88 YEARS OLD. MANY OLD NEIGHBORS KNEW HIM AS “BILL THE COP”. EVEN THOUGH THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD MAY BE GONE AS WE KNEW IT, THE SPIRIT OF PRIDE AND THE VALUE OF FAMILY HAVE BEEN PASSED DOWN BY MY DAD AND HIS GENERATION TO US. DAD WAS A GOOD MAN WHO WAS LOVED BY HIS FAMILY, WAS RESPECTED BY HIS FRIENDS AND PROUD OF BEING ITALIAN-AMERICAN. NOT A BAD EPITAPH. HIS SISTER CARMELLA AND HIS BROTHER JOHN, (OWNER OF THE PIZZA PARLOR ON 22ND STREET), ARE FARING WELL AND CONTINUE TO PASS ON THE STORIES WE TREASURE.”

SALVATORE BELLIA, “MY WIFE NANCY TIRENTO FORMERLY OF 2916 N. 25TH ST. PASSED AWAY 15 MONTHS AGO. NANCY REALLY ENJOYED HEARING ABOUT THE

OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. THANK YOU!”

JOHN BONEY 3000 BLOCK OF STILLMAN “I WOULD LIKE TWO COPIES OF THE CALENDAR. I REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO READING THE JJ, IT BRINGS BACK A LOT OF GOOD MEMORIES. I HUNG AROUND WITH THE UNITED SPORT’S SOFTBALL TEAM. I ENJOYED BEING WITH THEM. THEY CALLED ME “KID”, I AM 61 NOW. ENCLOSED IS SOMETHING FOR THE JJ.”

THERESA VINCIGUERRA CANUSO, ST MARY 1950. “THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER GREAT EDITION OF THE JJ! RECENTLY WE CELEBRATED OUR 50TH REUNION FROM HALLAHAN. ALTHOUGH I WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT THERE WEREN’T MANY FROM ST. MARY’S THAT ATTENDED. I WAS HAPPY TO MEET UP WITH MARY ANN COLEMAN, CLARA FIORVANTI AND DELORES PICARELLO. WITH SAD REGRETS TWO OF OUR FORMER CLASSMATES HAVE PASSED AWAY ROSEMARIE PETRONE AND MARIE PIQUE. I HAVE ENCLOSED A DONATION”

BOB CLIMALDI & FAMILY, 3138 N. 25TH ST. “IT’S A PLEASURE READING THE JJ, REMINISCING THE DAYS IN THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD AND ALL THOSE WHO MADE IT A SPECIAL PLACE. BOTH MY DAD AND MOM, VINCENT AND EMILY PASSED AWAY OVER THE SUMMER 2004. THE NAMES AND STORIES IN THE JJ HELP US TO REMEMBER THOSE WE DON’T SEE OFTEN AND OTHERS WHO PASSED ON. YOU ARE DOING A GREAT JOB. ENCLOSED IS A DONATION. THANK YOU!”

LOU DATALO, 2824 N. 22ND ST. “MY DAD MIKE AND I HAD A BARBER SHOP AT CROSKEY &

CAMBRIA STS. MY MOM ANNA CLEANED THE CHURCH FOR MONSIGNOR BUSCO. MY SISTER NANCY WAS MARRIED TO CARPY LAURENZI. I HAD A BARBER SHOP IN N.E. PHILLY FOR 30 YEARS. I AM RETIRED NOW. I LOVE TO READ THE JJ. ENCLOSED IS A CHECK FOR EXPENSES.”

DOMINIC ESPOSITO, 2910 RINGGOLD ST. “THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES OF THE GOOD OLD DAYS!”

FATHER MICHAEL OLIVERE, “THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GOOD WORK WITH THE JJ. IT’S REALLY A PLEASURE TO READ EACH ISSUE. I WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE TWO (2) COPIES OF THE NEW REUNION CALENDAR. PLEASE KEEP THE REMAINDER AS A DONATION! WITH ALL GOD’S BLESSING FOR A PEACE-FILLED 2005!”

YONA NANNI PELLINI “I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR KEEPING ME UP TO DATE ON OUR WONDERFUL CHILDHOOD DAYS. EVEN THOUGH I LEFT THE AREA IN 1950 I STILL DO REMEMBER SOME OF THE NAMES MENTIONED IN THE JJ. GRADUATING FROM ST. MARY’S IN 1944, I DON’T RECOGNIZE SOME OF THE PEOPLE THAT ARE MENTIONED, BUT MY DARLING BROTHER “ALBERT” (UMBERTO) KEEPS ME UP TO DATE. ENCLOSED IS A CHECK TOWARDS THE EXPENSES YOU ENCOUNTER. KEEP SENDING THE JJ, ITS FUN READING.”

FERNA FESTA PERGOLINO, 2124 TORONTO ST. “ALWAYS ENJOY READING THE JJ... EVEN IF MOST OF THE INFO IS FROM THE 2ND GENERATION. I’M ENCLOSED MY 8TH GRADE GRADUATION PICTURE. I AM HOPING I CAN GET IN CONTACT WITH THE PEOPLE WHO WENT TO SCHOOL WITH ME. I DO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH