



# FAITH NEEDS TO BE TAUGHT AT HOME

In addressing the concerns and challenges of St. Anthony's parish, Pastor Reverend Oscar Martin Dominguez shared his insights into the role that God plays in today's society. Even though the church can foster one's faith, he laments that it cannot "Give Faith." "Faith," he says, "is no longer being taught in the home as it once was."

Rev. Oscar is completing his first year as Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Church in Elizabeth, New Jersey. He was born in Malaga, Spain and studied Civil Engineering before coming to America to pursue his vocation as a priest. Ordained in 2001, he spent his first two years in West New York, New Jersey, followed by a year in the Caribbean, five years in Bayonne, New Jersey and then five years in Boston, Massachusetts before coming to St. Anthony's on September 1, 2014. Rev. Oscar speaks Spanish, Italian, and English which is a skillset appropriate for his diverse congregation.

The Church dates back to 1896 and has been the cornerstone of the Peterstown Community which started with a wave of Italian immigrants arriving around that period. The parish grew over time and peaked in the 1970's. It then started to decline in participation. It was a trend happening to all faiths all over the county. Peterstown also experienced a changeover of residents adding to the loss of parishioners.

Rev. Oscar begins a new era for St. Anthony's. He is a diocesan priest serving the Archdiocese of Newark, not a member of any specific order. He was assigned to St. Anthony's in the wake of the Salesians of Don Bosco ending their ministry at the parish which began in 1925. And so there are a myriad of changes to deal with on many levels. He is addressing local concerns in a global environment, both which are rapidly changing.

One of the first things that Rev. Oscar dealt with was the physical problems of the beautiful church. The roof, which was damaged by Superstorm Sandy in 2012, was in need of repair, as well as the interior damage caused by the water. It has been thirty years since a major renovation has been done so it has been long overdue. The repair has given the new pastor the opportunity to change elements of design in what he describes as "changing from dark to light." He saw that the church was rather dark and so he improved the lighting and chose to paint the walls white. A new sound system was added and new rugs along with other design changes are in the works. They are being completed as funds are raised to pay for them.

Retention and recruitment of parishioners are Rev. Oscar's main concern. Since the congregation is so diverse, services must have a broader appeal. Eliminating the Italian mass on Sunday made managerial sense but was disappointing to the Italian contingency. On the flip side there are more Italian cultural events involving the Church, for instance processions through the streets of the Peterstown neighborhood celebrating feast days of the Blessed Mother, St. Anthony, and St. Vito. The St. Vito procession culminates in an Italian street fair lasting four days. Rev. Oscar's trilingual ability enables him to preside over cross culture events.

The clubs and committees once prevalent and staffed by volunteers have gone dormant. Most recently, the Senior Club in January 2015 followed by the St. Ann Society. The Church does run a food party and a youth soccer club which are recent additions and the Youth Center is active once again with evening programs and open gym nights. There is also a Spanish prayer group meeting. It is common for people to have difficulty accepting change, but Rev. Oscar has experienced an accepting response to the changes being made. Parishioners have been supportive and helpful.

Rev. Oscar's philosophy is to be approachable. He would like for everyone to understand that the church is there for them and not the other way around. Families that are burdened by the pressures of today's culture should find relief from the church not additional burdens.

Faith is not being taught in the homes like it once was. Children are not being raised in an environment where the concept of God's love is practiced. The family structure deteriorates with each generation. As a result people live in despair and have lost their faith.

Rev. Oscar does have hope. He believes that if people understand what is to live in faith and understand the idea of God's love their lives will improve along with the lives of the people they associate with.

The Catholic Church has a new leader in Pope Francis who comes across as a man of the people. His down-to-earth style has been received positively and many people are heading his words. Maybe it is the push regular folks need to put their houses in order. ☺



(above, l-r) Parishioners carrying statues of St. Vito and St. Anthony leave St. Anthony's Church in a procession through the streets of the neighborhood.



(left) Pastor, Reverend Oscar Martin Dominguez stands in front of the altar under renovations ongoing at St. Anthony of Padua Church located in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, NJ.

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Hi Joe,

My friend, Andy Cortese, was originally from Fourth Avenue. We played ball in St. Anthony's Little League, PAL, and softball in the Warinanco League and won the championship for an undefeated team called Cambridge House.

Andy works for AIG and has been living in London since 1983. We keep in touch via email. When my wife Dianna and I were on vacation in Europe in January 2015 we scheduled a day to get together with Andy and his wife Natalie. We had a great time and reminisced about how great it was to grow up in the Old Neighborhood.

I appreciate all that you do to keep the memories alive.

Warm regards,  
Vinny Malta  
Alpharetta, Georgia

Dear Joe,

It has been four years since you wrote the "priceless" feature article (Issue No.77, Aug/Sep 11) on our beloved brother Vincent "Vinny" Santillo.

We read to it often and still get emotional. We want to tell you how grateful we are for sharing your thoughts as well as creating a lasting memory of our amazing brother. His earthly challenges are over and his free spirit now soars in heaven. We miss him dearly but smile at the thought of Vinny walking about freely and probably even running marathons.

Thank you for the great article and keep up your *Around About Peterstown* passion.

Much appreciation,  
Vinny's Sisters: Elaine, Denise,  
Noreen, Alison, Adelene & Marlane

Hi Joe

As usual your newspaper has more and more great stories and pictures. However, there was a error in the Linda Russo/Russo family article in the June 2015 issue. My grandmother had nine children with Frank Russo, not eight; (hence my father Noe's nickname, "Nine"). The fifth child Ernie was omitted from the article. He was born in 1917 and died in 1929.

Thanks  
Jeff Russo  
Linden, NJ

Dear Joe,

Thank you for publishing the photos Phil Borsellino and I sent you in the April 2015 issue of your newspaper. You did a magnificent piece of handcraft in both research and critiquing the pictures. My dad would have been especially proud with the phrase, "Night Crawler." He never had a car, so friends or public transportation was the effective mode to make the task of shooting breaking news possible.

Again thanks; Phil joins me, and best wishes to a very talented R E N N A team

Kindest Personal Regards,  
Sal Conforti  
Elizabeth, NJ



(above, l-r) Dianna and Vinny Malta meet up with Peterstown friends Andy and Natalie Cortese in London England.

**President's  
Message**



I'd like to wish Jim Feehan good luck as the new principal of Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy (OLGA). The school is one of a few Catholic grammar schools left and it has to compete with a growing public school system. The value of a Catholic education can be seen in the way the students act outside of school. They are taught to make their communities better. We all benefit when students go through the Catholic school system.

I hope everyone who benefitted from St. Anthony's church and school can find time to support the church and OLGA. Even if you no longer live close by you can still help out. There are many ways to help, from making a donation or volunteering. You will feel good when you do.

*John Sacco*

God bless,  
John Sacco, President  
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# Editor's Opinion

by Joe Renna

I had a conversation with St. Anthony's Pastor, Reverend Oscar Martin Dominguez. We touched upon many subjects concerning the church and the challenges he has as pastor. The conversation eventually turned to the broader picture of people's understanding of God and the lack of faith in today's culture. Fr. Oscar says that faith must first be taught in the home before it can be cultivated in the school or church.

It is almost impossible for children to develop proper behavior without values, morals and ethics being taught in the home. Children learn by example and their lives will reflect the environment in which they are raised. The collapse of the family structure is one of the main causes for the child's disconnect.

So much stress is due to the a person's priorities being out of order. There is a pursuit of possessions, wealth and leisure that is being put ahead of spiritual wellness. These pursuits put a burden on the individual. Technology has created even a bigger distraction.

The majority of burdens people face are self imposed. Satisfaction is never achieved. Today's society has taught us that we never have enough and so our energy is spent on increasing our material wealth, but this has come at the cost of humanitarian pursuits. People are defining their lives by the burdens they carry.

For those of little faith, the church is viewed as a burden. The idea that to live in accordance to the word of God one must subject himself to a whole list of rules that the church lays down. Its a popular concept but it is also extremely inaccurate. The true concept is that God's love is unconditional. Our most basic needs, physical and spiritual, can be fulfilled in much simpler ways. The

solution to living a fulfilled life is in getting our priorities in order with "loving thy neighbor" being number one.

Many people get caught up in the semantics of religious speech. They are missing the point of the message. There is no easy way to describe the concept of God's love. Generosity, forgiveness, and compassion, are just a few of many examples of how God's love is manifested. There is no room for greed, vengeance, or oppression when living a righteous life.

I was lucky to have been raised in Peterstown where the same positive values were shared by an entire community. God, family and community were stressed. As a community we cared for one another and made sure no one was in need. St. Anthony's Church was at the center of the community and facilitated the effort.

Today the idea of community has been replaced by individual achievement. We can see it even in youth sports where personal statistics are more important than team records. Its like that in society. But what happens to those who don't make the team? They are left alone to fend for themselves.

Rev. Oscar hopes to educate others about having faith, get them to shed their burdens. It has become in vogue to mock religion and a belief in God. It seems every comedian, academic and pseudo-intellectual has some snarky comment about religious dogma. What I don't hear from them is an alternative way to accomplish what the church does. Is any segment of society teaching values, morals and ethics to the next generation? People seem to help only when there some personal gain to be made. ☺

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# HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY DAD!

My father, Pete Louis Renna, turned 90 on August 6, 2015. His birth certificate reads Pietro but he legally changed his name to Peter when he left high school to join the navy at the start of World War II. He took the name of his sponsor and friend Lou LaBrutto as his middle name.

We had a great big party for him and which he really enjoyed. Friends and family gathered to wish him well. I'm one of seven siblings (I'm Joe, #3 son, a la Charlie Chan movies). He has thirteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Our mom Millie passed away in 1985. She is missed every day.




(above, seated) Pete Renna and his children, (standing, l-r) Phil, Nancy, Lorraine, Pete, Joey. (kneeling, l-r) Nick and Tommy.



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Sister Mary taught at St. Anthony's from 1967 to 1970 and treasures every minute of it. She looks forward to seeing her friends from Peterstown on October 2! 📧

(left) Anthony and Arthur Papetti



## HELP NEEDED FOR CHURCH RENOVATIONS

The total cost for renovating St. Anthony's Church is \$75,000. The bulk of the cost is going to painting and carpeting. More than half of the painting is done. The painting will be completed and the carpentering installed as money is raised. Over \$26,000 has been raised so far and the church is reaching out to the community to continue the support. Money raised will be applied entirely for this purpose. Donations can be made to memorialize a loved one. Though \$200 is a suggested donation, any amount is appreciated. 📧

### THANK YOU FMCA

Many thanks to the Frank Mazza Civic Association and the committees for the hard work preparing and running the recent Festa Di San Vito. Thanks to the success of the festival, they were able to donate \$2,862 to St. Anthony's Church. 📧

## OLGA WELCOMES NEW PRINCIPAL



James J. Feehan

James J. Feehan, MBA, MA. has been appointed as the new principal of Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy (OLGA). Mr. Feehan is a lifelong residence of Elizabeth, with experience as a previous school administrator for both elementary and secondary schools.

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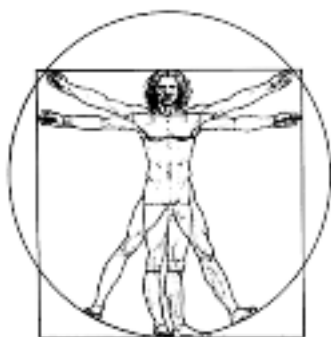
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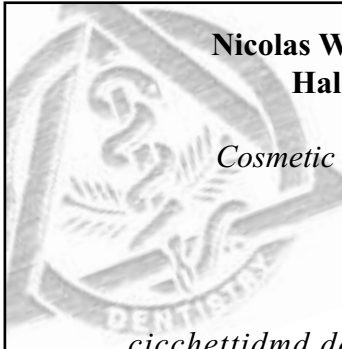
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(above, standing, l-r) Battin 49ers from their 65th reunion in 2014, Eliza Carvalho, Marie De Oliveira, Helen Burke (sitting, l-r) Marianne Borsellino, Phyllis DiCosmo, Eleanor Henn. All are also Cleveland Jr. High grads.

(above) Portraits from the battin High School 1949 yearbook of gals from Peterstown. Apologies to anyone was left out.

(below) Asterisk (\*) identifies member of the Reunion Committee.



(above) Battin 49ers from their 65th reunion in 2014, (standing, l-r) Florence Davis\*, Elaine Freinman\*, Joan Addiss\*. (sitting, l-r) Ina Hansen, Breda Frankel, Gloria Manning\*, and Lucille Bennett.\*



(above) Battin 49ers from their 65th reunion in 2014, (standing, l-r) Joan Gleeman\*, Arline Gammer\*, Dorothy Heuer\*, (sitting, l-r) Betty O'toole\*, Grace McLain\*, and Nancy Mueller\*.

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# THE 2015 FOTI FAMILY REUNION

The Foti family gathered in Farmingdale, New Jersey for a much awaited family reunion on August 9, 2015 at Cruz Golf Country Club.

Dominick, Vincent, Anthony, and Frank Foti, brothers from Calabria, Italy, came to America in the early 1900's, settling in Elizabeth, NJ. The brothers owned the Foti Grocery Store, Foti Wine and Liquors, and the Foti Barber Shop, all located in Elizabeth. As the family grew, many remained in Elizabeth, while others spread about to other parts of New Jersey. Today the family has members residing in other states as well, such as Florida, South Carolina, California, Hawaii, Tennessee, New York, Minnesota, Georgia, Colorado, North Carolina, Nevada, and Texas.

The reunion was spurred by the assembling of the current Foti family tree, created by Vincent and Josephine Foti's great-granddaughter, Brooke Bal from Boca Raton, FL. The tree spanned six generations and included over 250 family members, many of which had never met. The family tree was printed and placed at the center of the old-fashioned barbecue. Debra Bal, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Foti, welcomed family members related to Vincent and Josephine Foti's brothers and sisters, at the same venue the previous picnics had taken place, formerly known as Cruz Farms. Josephine Foti's brothers and sisters included Joseph, Philip, Marianna, Frank, Anthony, Grace and Dominick Foti. Each family was brought up and asked to introduce their group. Musical entertainment kept the crowd enthused and was provided by Erik Bovino, great grandson of Vincent and Josephine. His uncle, Michael Whalen, joined him at the keyboard for a couple of popular upbeat songs. The surroundings brought back many memories of past times and beloved family members that are no longer with them.

The last reunion had taken place in the summer of 1987 and was attended by over 200 family members.



(left) The family tree was a popular attraction and was visited by each and every attendee, curious as to how everyone was related.

The Foti reunions were previously spearheaded each year by Vincent Foti. Although many still reside in New Jersey, the Foti Family traveled from many points to catch up, reminisce, and introduce new family members for the very first time. Generations spanned, as the oldest family member in attendance was 89, while the youngest was 2.

The senior members of the family that attended included Joseph and Jane Foti of Jackson, NJ, Philip and Marie Foti of Manchester, NJ, Irene Rotola of Cranford, NJ, Carmela Deluccia of Delray Beach, FL, Joseph and

Carol De Stephan of Sewalls Point, FL, Lucille Granger of Jensen Beach, FL, Arlene and Michael Whalen of Lavallette, NJ, Edward and Margie Foti of Colonia, NJ, Philip and Michelle Foti of Scotch Plains, NJ, Domenica Russo's family of Old Brookville, NY, Marlene Foti of Toms River, NJ, and Joanne Foti of Elizabeth, NJ.

The group had so much fun that they are already talking about the next get together. Those that were not present were missed, but have a standing invitation to attend the next reunion. For more information please contact [fotifamilypicnic@gmail.com](mailto:fotifamilypicnic@gmail.com).



The senior members of the Foti family, from L to R: Joann Foti, Marie and Phil Foti, Mickey Rotola, Mela Deluccia, Joseph and Jane Foti, Arlene Whalen and Carol and Joseph DeStephan.



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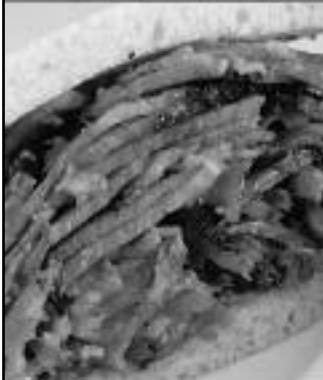
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(left, l-r) Entertainment was provided by Erik Bovino. His Uncle, Michael Whalen, joined in on vocals for a couple of crowd pleasing songs.

(right) First cousins reunite after many years: Irene (Mickey) Rotola and Carmela Deluccia



(left) The brothers Edward and Philip Foti with their wives, Margie and Michelle.



(above, l-r) The Foti men had a wonderful time catching up and reminiscing, Joe DeStephan, Daniel Foti, Frank Foti, Edward Foti, Joseph Foti, Frank Deluccia, Robert Foti and Philip Foti



(above, l-r) Each family was brought up and introduced individually, Debra Bal introduces her family who travelled from South Florida, and Arlene and Mike Whalen from Lavallette, NJ, Brooke Bal, Stephanie Moore, Chris Bal, Mike Whalen, Brandon Bal, Carmela Deluccia, Courtney Shapero, Arlene Whalen, Gary Bal and Debra Bal



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(above, l-r) Donna DePaolo, Marie Annucci



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(above) Lisa Venturini



(above, l-r) Bill LaMorte and Debbie Londino

# REUNION WILL BE A REMEMBRANCE OF CLASSMATE ANTHONY SCISCIONE AND OTHERS

Submitted by Marie Annucci

Our class lost a dear classmate, friend and fellow SAS Class of '72 Reunion committee-person, Anthony Sciscione, who passed away July 27, 2015. It has been heartbreaking to lose such a wonderful man, especially at such a young age and so suddenly. It is mainly because of Anthony's enthusiasm that this reunion came to be.

Anthony came up to me at our St. Mary's High School reunion a few years back and suggested we have a grammar school reunion, and here we are!

It has been a struggle to maintain our enthusiasm but we understand that he would want us to all to be there to celebrate life, as well as our SAS memories. So we shall, and in spirit Anthony as well as our other dearly departed classmates who left us much too soon will be there as well. They will be remembered. 🐾

Deceased classmates of SAS Class of '72:

- |                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
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| Daniel (Danny) Malloy    | James (Jimmy) Marziano  |
| Anthony (Scis) Sciscione |                         |

## SAVE THE DATE: SAT, OCTOBER 24, 2015

Any classmate interested in attending or anyone with contact information of a classmate can contact Marie Annucci at [mannuccicaprio@msn.com](mailto:mannuccicaprio@msn.com) or Rob Bryant at [affordablearchitect@yahoo.com](mailto:affordablearchitect@yahoo.com).

Details will be sent via email:

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(above) SAS Kindergarten Class of '64 graduation



(above) Nick Renna

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Mary Nigro's dad Mike used to call her Mariooch. Mary says she got the Italian cooking gene from her grandmother, Maria Libertà Nigro (nee Nufrio). She has many fond memories of cooking with her grandmother and her aunts in the family kitchen. Over the past 16 years she has honed this skill and become what she calls a "homegrown chef".

Cooking has become Mary's passion and she started a website named [marioochskitchen.com](http://marioochskitchen.com) so she can record lost or almost forgotten recipes. She has started a stock piling from her past. She writes on the blog daily and also

is a volunteer chef at a local pre-school for homeless children.

The essence of the blog is to share healthy, relatively easy to follow, delicious recipes for family style meals that can be adapted to meet a family's needs and tastes.

She would like to help busy families, pressed for time, who want to provide healthy meals to their families. Her focus is on Italian dishes, all-American fare, as well as some international dishes. Typically, the recipes only have 5-6 ingredients and there are not too many steps to follow. Too many steps adds up to too many dishes! 🍴

## Recipes

By Mary Nigro, from her website [www.marioochskitchen.com](http://www.marioochskitchen.com)

### Eggplant Parmesan

#### INGREDIENTS

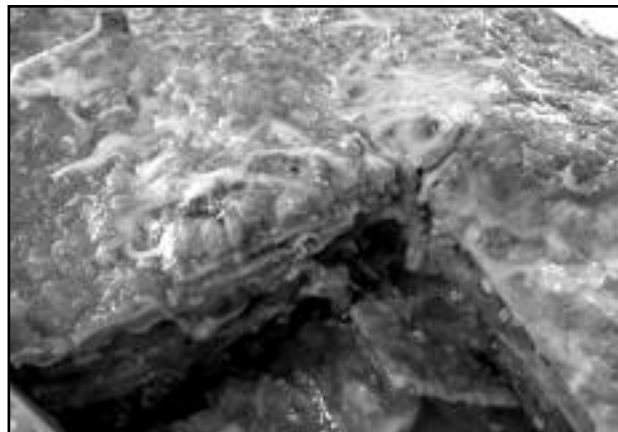
- 2 Medium sized Eggplant
- Seasoned Breadcrumbs
- Salt
- 1 1/2 cans of Crushed Tomato
- Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 1 Onion (diced)
- Garlic Cloves
- 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan Cheese
- Crushed Oregano
- Salt and a pinch of Sugar
- Tomato Paste
- Parmesan Cheese
- Mozzarella Cheese

#### PREPARATION (SAUCE)

1. Put crushed tomato into blender along with some extra virgin olive oil and pulse for 30 seconds.
2. Saute 1 diced onion and a few cloves of garlic extra virgin olive oil. Cook until slightly translucent. (do not brown)
3. Add to the blender with the sauce, and pulse about one minute.
4. Pour sauce to a pot and simmer for about 15 minutes.
5. Add 1/2 cup of parmesan cheese, crushed oregano, salt and a pinch of sugar.
6. Continue to simmer and drizzle more olive oil and add tomato paste.

#### PREPARATION (EGGPLANT)

1. Wash eggplant then cut off skin, slice thinly
2. Salt eggplant and allow moisture sweat out.
3. Pour about 1 cup of all-purpose flour into a small bowl. Mix 4 eggs together and put in a separate bowl. (repeat as needed).
4. Dip eggplant into flour and then the egg, then dip into a breadcrumb mixture, if you prefer the eggplant breaded. This is great for the Eggplant towers.)
5. Heat a little olive oil in a large frying pan that will fit about six pieces of eggplant. Place eggplant in pan and cook and turn over until golden brown.
6. Place onto a cookie sheet covered with paper towels, to absorb the oil.
7. Layer in a deep dish starting with a laddle of sauce followed by a layer the eggplant then sprinkled with parmesan cheese, and continue this layering process. Finish off the last layer of eggplant with sauce, and mozzarella cheese and grated parmesan.
8. Cover and place in a 350 degree oven for about 35-40 minutes on the middle rack. Take the cover off the last 10 minutes. Cook until eggplant is golden color on top and the sauce is bubbling. Let it rest a few minutes, then cut into into portions.



### Ricotta Cheesecake

#### INGREDIENTS

- 2 1/2 lbs Ricotta Cheese (part skim or whole)
- 2 cups Sugar
- 1/2 cup White Flour
- 1 teaspoon Vanilla
- 8 eggs
- 2 1/2 cups of Graham Cracker Crust (Nabisco)
- 1 1/2 sticks of Margarine
- 1/4 teaspoon Anisette (optional)
- 12 inch cake pan
- 1 small container Strawberries
- 1 small container Blueberries
- 1 jar Strawberry Jam

#### PREPARATION

1. Combine 2 1/2 cups of graham crackers crumbs with 1 1/4 stick melted margarine and a few tablespoons of water and mix well, then press it firmly into a 12 inch non-stick pan. Use the back of a spoon to smooth it out. If you like the crust a bit more crunchy put the crust in the oven for 8-10 minutes to cook.
- 2) Put about 2 lbs. to 2 1/2 lbs. of ricotta cheese in a large bowl.
- 3) Separate the egg yolks, Beat and add them to the ricotta cheese.
- 4) In a separate bowl, mix the flour and sugar together.
- 5) Using a mixer, mix all ingredients together, adding the vanilla and the well beaten egg whites. Add a hint of anisette or Italian Liquor if desired.
- 6) Mix well until it is creamy and smooth
- 7) Pour the mixture into the pan. Extra mixture can be cooked in a seperate pan with no crust.
- 8) Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- 9) Put the pan in the center of the oven and cook for 1 hour and 15 minutes or until the center is firm to the touch.
- 10) Turn off the oven and leave the pan in for another 20-30 minutes until firm to the touch and golden brown.
- 11) Cool for 10-15 minutes then remove from pan and place on wire rack.
- 12) Let cool on a wire rack for approximately one hour. Once cooled, chill for at least for 4 hours,
- 13) Slice and Serve with a dusting of white powdered sugar or arrange sliced strawberries and blueberries in a pattern and glaze with a strawberry jam that was heated then cooled with a pastry brush.



# UNICO NAMES COLICCHIO BROTHERS 2015 CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

Submitted by Nino Quaglia, President, Elizabeth Chapter of UNICO

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Stella Lombardi Orozco attended Battin High School in Elizabeth, and was known to her classmates as "big Stella" because she was the tallest in her class.

Stella worked as a secretary for many years at Papetti's Hygrade Egg Products on North Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ. She also worked as a secretary for many years at Karen Manufacturing on Marshall Street in Elizabeth before retiring and moving to Rahway, NJ then to Cape Coral, Florida in 1988.

When her husband of 67 years, Juan, passed away in 2009, she moved to Ft. Myers, Florida to live with her daughter Kara and Kara's husband Eric. Also surviving are her son John, his wife Josephine of Elizabeth, grandson John Jr. and his wife Michelle of Forked River, granddaughter Alexandria Infante, and her husband Sam and great-granddaughter, Rachel Infante of Elizabeth.

## ANTHONY SCISCIONE, 57

Anthony Sciscione passed away on July 27, 2015 at the age of 57. He was born in Elizabeth, NJ and was living in West Long Branch, NJ with his family. His death, due to complications from a ruptured cerebral aneurysm, was a shock to his family and friends.

Anthony was one of six children of Joe and Ann. He was well loved by his large extended family and countless friends. He attended St. Anthony's grammar school in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth and then St. Mary's high school in Elizabeth. It was at St. Mary's that he met his future wife Patricia Mulhearn. They were married for thirty-three years.

Anthony was employed at Goldman Sachs since 1981. Anthony will be remembered for his zest of life and his wonderful sense of humor. Anthony was passionate about working out, going to the beach and swimming in the ocean. Most of all, he loved vacationing with his family.

Anthony and Pat have four children, Anthony Patrick and his wife, Lilly, Christina Marie, and Nicholas Tyler. He was looking forward to the birth of his first grandchild.

Anthony was predeceased by his mother, Ann, his mother-in-law, Barbara, sister-in-law, Theresa Mulhearn and brother-in-law, Michael Mulhearn.

Anthony is survived by his loving father, Joseph Sciscione; brothers, Joseph and Thomas; sisters, Eileen Feminella, Karen Finne and Joann Gazette. Anthony is also survived by his loving father-in-law, Michael (Jay) Mulhearn; sister-in-laws, Kathy Ward, Donna Mulhearn, Maureen LaBrutto, Karen Gugulski and Angela Mulhearn; and his many nieces and nephews.

The Family would like to extend a special thanks to the Neuro ICU nurses at St. Barnabas Hospital in Livingston, NJ for their loving care and support of Anthony and his family.



(above) Anthony Sciscione in the last photo taken of him and his family.



(above) Sciscione siblings, Joe, Karen Finne, Eileen Feminella, Tom, Joann Gazette, Anthony.

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# JOHN RIGGI PASSES AT AGE 90

John M. Riggi passed away on August 3, 2015 at home in Edison surrounded by his family. He was 90 years old. His wake was held at Corsentino's Funeral Home followed by a funeral mass at St. Anthony's Church in Elizabeth, New Jersey. St. Anthony's is the cornerstone of the Peterstown neighborhood which was the focus of Riggi's philanthropy.

Mr. Riggi served as the business agent for the International Laborers Local #394 of Elizabeth for twenty-five years before retiring in 1988. He worked at making sure that union members can work for decent wages and benefits. He went out of his way to help those in his beloved community of Peterstown. His cause was any family in need. As business agent he helped many men find work, some career tradesmen and others who needed a way out of difficult times. Local #394 paved a path to college for many who did not have the means.

Local charities and fundraisers benefitted from Riggi's charity, not only in his native Elizabeth but in Linden, NJ where he was raised. He graduated from Linden High School in 1942 as class president and a three-letter athlete. John Riggi was one of the founders of Linden's PAL-Pop Warner football program. He answered the call of the churches, organizations, and government officials when buildings needed repair, or when parks and ballfields were needed. His career dates back to the nineteen fifties before any of the community programs, which are common today, existed. He was also a great supporter of St. Joseph's Orphanage in Ribera, Sicily, Italy.

Mr. Riggi was an Army Air Corps veteran. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1943, where he was a staff sergeant in the Air Corps. He served as an airplane and engine mechanic for the campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe.

He dedicated his life to his family and is survived by

his caring children, Emanuel P. Riggi (Susan), Vincent J. Riggi (Maryann), John J. Riggi, Frances A. (Perez) Riggi, Toni S. Riggi, Therese Piasecki, and Maria (Sara) Morgan; 13 cherished grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren; sister, Phyllis Colicchio, and brother-in-law, Ralph DeRose. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of over 50 years, Sara (DiLeo); sisters, Lucille "Smiles" Colicchio, Carmela "Millie" Lore, and sister-in-law, Mary DeRose. 🐾



(above, l-r) John and Sarah Riggi



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