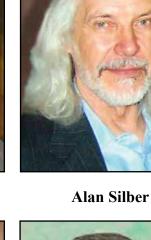
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Residents Challenge to the Council



David Caba





Ricky Aviles



Sharon Hubberman

PERTH AMBOY - Residents David Caba and Alan Silber spoke during the public portion of the May 8th City Council Meeting. Businessman Caba said, "We need more people involved and this room should be packed. We have politicians from both parties being arrested because of political deals being made. I love this country, but we are losing this country. It should make you better (referring to the Council) when you see what happened before. I'm not leaving Perth Amboy because I love Perth Amboy."

Alan Silber, who is a constant presence at most of the Caucus and Council Meetings told the Council, "They should be honored to be challenged by the residents. People who never attended a meeting are

now running for Freeholder. When I went to challenge my taxes, there was another resident there who simply said that their taxes were too high. They had no paperwork but they got a huge reduction in their assessment. About 40%-60% of were thrown out because they didn't have the proper paperwork or the paperwork they had was not filled out correctly."

Looking at the agenda, Silber also questioned huge discrepancies in the figures that contractors put up for bids. The item Silber questioned had to do with parks and public properties maintenance. "The bid amounts listed ranged from a low of \$42,840 up to a high bid of \$379,236.

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Mayor Henry Issues Statement About Hurricane Sandy Efforts Defends Business Administrator, Council

By: Joseph L. Kuchie SOUTH AMBOY - In the aftermath of a recent article published about South Amboy's efforts during Hurricane Sandy, Mayor Fred Henry made a powerful statement defending himself and the city's officials.

Many residents have spoken out about the apparent lack of effort given by the Mayor and city council after Hurricane Sandy hit last Fall, with flood victims still speaking out searching for help from it's

Henry delivered strong words explaining his work before and after the storm during the opening comments of last week's council meeting.

"Some questioned, 'Where was I?' It is not in my nature to go out looking for accolades for what I did, but I was not at home doing nothing," Henry said. "Before the storm I called a meeting to ensure all departments knew their jobs and roles for the upcoming storm. The night of the storm, I spent a lot of time out in the storm with Police Chief [Darren]

Lavigne."

Henry continued, "After the storm, where was I? Out observing the devastation and speaking with many of the residents...I spoke with many residents and was invited into a number of homes to view the damage. To say the least it was horrifying," he said. "At no time did I ask for a photo op to publicize this horrible loss, but I did very quickly authorize outside help to clean up the streets and it was done with extreme efficiency."

Henry also addressed the accusations that South Amboy was doing nothing while Perth Amboy and Mayor Diaz were working with high school students to help the community. He denied these reports and explained that he had been working with local groups throughout the crisis.

"Contrary to this belief I requested and received help from Tony Gonzalez and the boy's soccer team to help unload and distribute water and ice which was delivered to the first aid building and John



Mayor Fred Henry

Street parking lot," he explained. "Also, I was in touch with the governor's office and they responded by sending a van with boxes of blankets which was delivered to the fire house on Broadway. I was there to greet the van and help unload the boxes."

Henry praised the council for going out and delivering mops, garbage bags and other supplies to residents that lost everything in the storm and

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South Amboy Historical Society Donates Memorial Marker Commemorating the 1950 South Amboy Munitions Explosion

By: Joe Bayona

SOUTH AMBOY - Late in the evening of Friday May19, 1950 at approximately 7:26 p.m., a horrendous explosion rocked the town of South Amboy. The explosion that killed 31 and injured more than 350, could be felt up to 30 miles away.

The explosion happened when 450 tons of military grade explosives including land mines, anti-tank mines and gelatin dynamite simultaneously detonated. The explosives were being loaded onto barges from rail cars, and then transferred to a waiting steamship, "The Flying Clipper," in the "explosive anchorage" in



Mary Szaro, Mayor Henry, and Jerry Pizzillo unveil the plaque

Raritan Bay for shipment to Pakistan. This was one of the worst disasters in the area, second only to the 1918 explosion

at the T.A. Gillespie Munitions plant in Morgan. To this day the cause of both explosions is

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also for taking part in the Old Bridge High School telethon which raised \$32,000 for vic-

He also denied the report that the city had anything to do with filtering the funds raised for residents through St. Mary's. He explained that the article implied that something was wrong with the operation and that it was a "slap in the face" to the people of the food pantry and the city.

Henry did note that there was room for improvement with communication and with the information coming from FEMA, but did explain the effort that he and the council were putting in to get answers.

He noted that he attended a seminar in South Brunswick about the communication system Nixle through the police department and has invited FEMA representatives to come and talk about the future of homeowners in South Amboy.

"I and everyone in this council participated in some way," Henry added. "Whether it was physically delivering goods, picking up generators, getting water and ice from the county, or cooking at a fund raiser... everybody took part."

Henry also addressed the name-calling and insults that were made to Business Administrator Camille Tooker during the May 1st business meeting. He believed that the snickering and rude comments made by some residents were uncalled for.

"Mrs. Tooker was not even here when the storm occurred, being on medical leave after suffering a stroke, but she still worked from home as best she could in order to continue to serve the citizens," Henry explained. "To refer to her with name-calling does her a grave disservice and I want to publicly apologize to her for not making an effort to stop it at the time."

"It is beneath the dignity of these chambers to accept and or allow such behavior, and it speaks volumes about the people who perpetrated them," he added.

Councilman Michael "Mickey" Gross stood by Mayor Henry and praised him for his strong words and statements. He too believed that the namecalling and unprofessional behavior of late had to come to a stop.

All councilmen and women were in attendance for the meeting. The next council meeting will be held on Jun. 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Perth Amboy Challenge

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With a big discrepancy in the bid amounts, will there be a lot of change orders with the low bidders getting the contracts?"

B.A. Greg Fehrenbach said, "Sometimes bidders throw up large numbers hoping there is a possibility that they will get the contract. The person who we recommended will do maintenance on the parks on a weekly or biweekly basis. This is a responsibility that they will have to provide these services on schedule."

Resident Ricky Aviles told the Council that when the Mayor comes up to speak during the public portion the clock should tick for her also. "You, the Council are on call 24/7. We want to see more interaction and I like seeing the dialogue between you and the public."

Former Mayoral Candidate Sharon Hubberman has been a frequent attendee at the Council Meetings and has challenged the Council to do Due Diligence before voting on agenda items. She was concerned about developers. She felt that they should be putting more of their own money into

projects when they enter into a contract with the City instead of taxpayers money being utilized. Hubberman said, "I research everything before I go to the Council with a question and I also like to share my knowledge with you."

Hubberman has questioned the Council on several budget items. One of the resolutions she brought up was R-198 that authorized an additional payment to the firm of Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas, LLP for services rendered in connection with 2012 tax appeals before the tax court of the State of New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

She asked if this will fall under the category of other expenses on the City Budget.

Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach said that the CFO (Chief Financial Officer) has to be able to make sure sufficient funds are available for costs that may come up such as adoption of a bond (such as awarding contracts for maintenance and professional services).

Fehrenbach also said, "The tax levy will rise 1.67 cents at a home valued around \$250,000. That would be \$42 to \$45 a year. Some people will see a reduction in their tax bill." This was a response to a resident's question.

Commemorative Marker

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unknown.

On Saturday, the Historical Society of South Amboy dedicated a commemorative plaque overlooking the site across the inlet which was pier 4 of the Pennsylvania Railroad also known as the "powder pier". The plaque is a gift to the citizens of South Amboy from the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Approximately 70 citizens and dignitaries gathered under cloudy skies and light drizzle for the unveiling of the plaque.

Mary Szaro, president of the historical society, greeted the the dignitaries.

Jerry Pizzillo who chaired the committee, and is also the retired police chief of South Amboy and former Marine, gave a brief history of the events of that infamous day in

Mayor Fred Henry, who is also a history teacher, "painted a picture" for the crowd of how it must have been on that day in 1950. How WWII had ended just 5 years before and how the cold war was in its infancy. How we had entered the atomic age and the first thing people saw when they looked outside after the blast was a

mushroom cloud over the city. Mayor Henry also pointed out that the weather that day was overcast with light drizzle "much like the conditions today".

There was a special guest speaker invited to speak at the ceremony. His name is Al Rinn. Mr. Rinn, a former Marine and a veteran of WWII, lost 2 brothers and 3 cousins in the blast.

There is an interesting side note to this story. In the audience was another man, his name is Harold Dennen. Mr. Dennen, who happened to be riding on a fire truck down Broadway when the blast oc crowd and introduced some of curred, was in the Navy and is also a veteran of WWII. After meeting for the first time and talking for a while they found that they were both at the invasion of Okinawa on April 1st 1944 which was both Easter Sunday and April Fool's day. This event was truly full of history.

To mark the end of the ceremony Mr. Rinn, Mr. Dennen, and Mayor Henry walked to the water's edge to throw a wreath in the water to honor those who lost their lives that infamous day in 1950.

To Mr. Rinn and Mr. Dennen, I would just like to say, Thank You for your service.

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Ferry Slip Museum Offers Volunteer

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Perth Amboy's Heroes

Perth Amboy's Heroes will be honored this Monday which is Memorial Day which used to be called Decoration Day. As City Historian I thought it would be appropriate to relate some of the names of places and things in Perth Amboy and why they should always be remembered.

Krochmally Avenue is named after the first Perth Amboy soldier killed in World War I.

Rudyk Park is named after Stanley Rudyk who lost his life while fighting in Tunisia under General George Patton. The Park is named after him because he played there as a child.

The Neal Lucey Center on State Street is named after Neal Lucey who was killed in Pearl Harbor on the USS Ari-

Arneson Square is named after Robert Arneson, the other young man from Perth Amboy who lost his life in Pearl Har-

On the wall in Perth Amboy High School are the names of many young men who lost their lives serving their country in World War II, Korea and Vietnam, but one name that Perth Amboy people should know is John Petach who was in the Royal Air Force and fought in the famous Flying Tiger Squadron. His exploits were so famous that they made a book and movie about him called God is My Co-Pilot. Petach was played by Dane Clark. The movie also featured John Wayne.

In John Petach's homeroom was Joseph Sadowski who earned the Congressional Medal of Honor. The Waterfront Parkway is named after him. I know this because my mother was their homeroom teacher.

When I was running Cemetery Alive, I was standing in the parking lot of the Proprietary house and a young boy got out and shouldered a rifle. I said to him, "Who are you going to be."

He put on his helmet and saluted me and said, "I am Sergeant Joseph Sadowski."

I said to myself, "He's just a

A man standing next to me heard me and said, "So was Joseph Sadowski when he was killed."

Sgt. Sadowski won the Congressional Medal of Honor. Not many towns can say they have a native son who has done this.

This weekend we should remember all the fine young men and women who gave their lives for their country, and especially remember that we have many benefits and privileges not present in other countries, especially all the wonderful things we have here, in Perth Amboy. And always remember we are the home of the free because of

Anton J. Massopust Perth Amboy City Historian **Guest Editorial**





Thank a Veteran Today! Remember it's not only important to thank Veterans on this special day, but

> **God Bless** Them All!



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The Safety of Our Citizens

I'm writing this letter to commend the mayor on the anti-smoking campaign in the city parks. However, you have a bigger problem in Fink Park on Madison Avenue and Smith Street. The drug dealing and the alcohol is so bad people don't feel safe. There especially with their children.

You need an increased police

presence in that area. Instead of writing traffic tickets - pay more attention to the safety of the citizens.

Thank you Richard David

Time to **Impeach Obama**

The following quote covers much of the current happenings in America and the inactions, over reactions and basic ineptitude of the President of and his staff.

Barbara Tuchman, American Historian, 1912-1989.

"If power corrupts, weakness in the seat of power, with its constant necessity of deals and bribes and compromising arrangements, corrupts even more."

I never cease to be amazed at the level of incompetence, outright falsification of events and the amount of time and energy expended to continue the shams. I believe the time has come for the Congress of the United States to commence impeachment proceeding against President Obama. The loss of American lives

in Benghazi, the failure to respond in a timely manner to address this act of terrorism against our Embassy and the attempt of cover it up fall well within the guidelines for impeachment.

Speaker of the House of Representatives Behner should immediately convene a Committee to study the case to be made for impeachment.

Respectfully, Robert A. Brown

The English **Language**I completely agree with Tom

Clark's sentiments in his letter, "Let's Stay on the Same Page," in the 5/8/13 Guardian. It is bothersome that our fair city by the bay has become bi-lingual. Since its beginning a few centuries ago, English has been the dominant language. For generations immigrants or different languages and cultures learned to speak English in order to become better Americans. My parents came from Austria-Hungary as teenagers strived to learn English to become naturalized American citizens. I started school not knowing English

at No. 6 School now the site of the Holy Trinity Church. Some folks would say that I still do not speak good English as tarnished by my frequent overseas trips. But that's their problem.

The latest immigrants have become the dominant cultural group in this City. We have become bi-lingual. Many do not even want to learn to speak English. They have forced their language to be used in all government actions. I wonder if the naturalization process is conducted in languages other than English. And how about ballots on election day?

With all of this going on, how can you blame them for not speaking English! But!

Boy! Do they learn fast our money system!

Regardless of the clash of cultures there is one area of human conduct which is universal. And that is the language between males and females which is the language of Romance, Passion and Love! La Lengua de Amour! It transcends all barriers of race, ethnicity and status of Life. For instance, there was no spoken or written language at the time of Adam and Eve. That is, if you believe the old testament of the Bible,.

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Thank you for your courtesies. Very Truly Yours,

Peter Book, a.k.a. Pedro Libro

Memorial Day 2013

Memorial Day is observed on the last day in May. I remember when it used to be called Decoration Day. It used to be a time when flowers were placed on the graves of those men and women who served in the military and are no longer with us. "That is no longer the case, my friends." Over a million men and women died defending our nation and too many have turned this day into (JUST A DAY OFF).

Let's forget about yesterday and enjoy your picnic and the coming of summer. Forget about yesterday and yet these Veterans gave you today. The number at Memorial Day Ceremonies is getting smaller and the fanatics that live in our country will be at some rock concert by the thousands.

Tell me why or what has

happened. Do these people understand what Memorial Day is or do they even care? Some people say "That was a long time ago," referring to World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Any event that has already taken place is a long time ago t this type of

My grandfather, father, brother and myself spent many years in the armed forces. My brother had to spend an additional year in an Army Hospital after World War II.

I lost many friends and kids that I played with because of World War II and Korea. The average draft age was 19 or 20 so God took them upstairs early. Their families sure don't think of Memorial Day as just another day off.

I'll share a secret with you. When I'm alone and I visualize Memorial Day yesteryear and today, I say some curses and get tears in my eyes.

George M. Cohan wrote a song during World War I. It was called, "Over There," I remember that song word for word. The last words said, "So prepare, say a prayer, then send the word, send the word to beware, we'll be over, we're com-ing, oer and we won't come back till it's o-ver, o-ver there."

I think the Million plus men and women that lost their lives defending our country want you to enjoy your cookouts, picnics, day at the beach or whatever you do.

I would like to ask a favor from you for all the Veterans that gave you today. When your day is done, "Let's beware, Let's beware, Say a prayer, Say a prayer for all our Veterans Everywhere, Everywhere."

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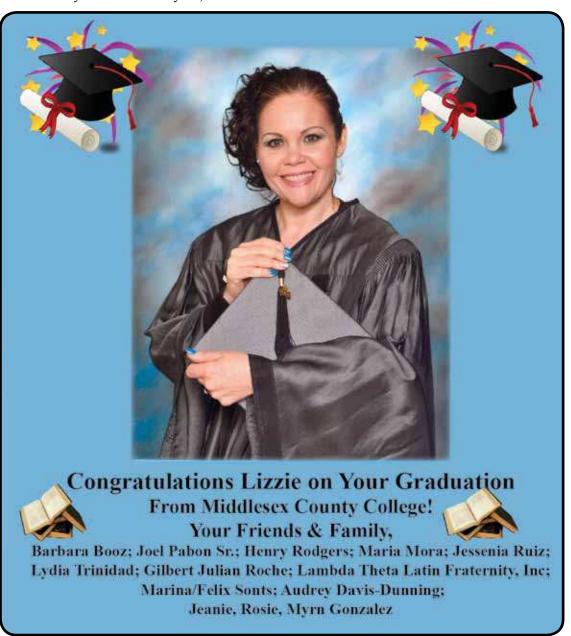


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Play Pokémon and Fight Diabetes

WOODBRIDGE - Bring out your Pokémon Cards and battle your friends (Ages 5-14). Saturday, May 25th at the Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main St., Woodbridge. The Battle will begin at 2 p.m. and end at 4 p.m. \$5 to play. All money raised will be donated to the American Diabetes Association. Call 732-596-4048 for more information or to register. Pre-registration is required by May 23rd.

Ukrainian Cultural Festival

PERTH AMBOY - Assumption Catholic Church located at 684 Alta Vista Pl, Perth Amboy, NJ will hold a Ukrainian Cultural Festival in our parish on Saturday, June 22nd, 2013 from 12 noon until 8 p.m., featuring church tours, live entertainment, dancing, family activities, vendors, traditional Ukrainian food/drink, ruffles and more. Ukrainian dancers will perform at 2:30 p.m. inside the hall. Fun for all ages . Free admission. For more information call 732-826-0767 or visit www. assumptioncatholicchurch.net

Greek Festival

PERTH AMBOY - Come down for authentic Greek Food, Entertainment, Music and Pastries at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 41-47 Wisteria St. (On the Waterfront, Sadowkski Parkway. May 31 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., June 1 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., June 2 from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Rain or Shine. 732-826-4466

Festa di San Antonio

HOPELAWN - Good Shepherd Parish at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church, 625 Florida Grove Rd., in the Hopelawn section of Woodbridge will be hosting its annual Festa honoring St. Anthony on Saturday, June 8 from Noon to 8PM in Msgr. Gambino Hall. The day will include Italian food and desserts (eat in/take out), raffles, activities and games for children including face painting, tattoos, arts and crafts and more. Magic by Giancarlo 2pm & 6:30pm. Elevator service is available. Festa goers are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for donation to a local food pantry. For information call, (732) 826-4859 or goodshepherdpanj.org

Sammy Cruz Wins Pop Warner All-American Scholar Award

By: Tracy Jordan

PERTH AMBOY - Due to academic excellence and performance both on the field and in the community, 10-year old Sammy Cruz, grandson of Perth Amboyans Jorge and Carmen Cruz, has been named to the 2012-2013 All-American Scholar Second Team for Pop Warner Little Scholars. From well over 4,000 applicants nationwide, Sammy was one of the few who got selected - in fact, form the top 2%!.

The mission of Pop Warner Little Scholars is to enable young people to benefit from participation in team sports and activities in a safe and structured environment while teaching fundamental values, skills and knowl-

edge that young people will use throughout their lives. Pop Warner strives to inspire youth, regardless of race, creed or national origin, to practice the ideals of sportsmanship, scholarship and physical fitness as reflected in the life of the late Glenn Scobie "Pop" Warner. Sammy will be honored at an award dinner at the Marriott in Boston Memorial Day weekend. He is also eligible for valuable prizes and scholarships due to his award. His father, Jorge Cruz, is the Director of Planning and Development at the Jewish Renaissance Family of Organizations and his mother, Ivonne Cruz, is Associate Director for the Center for Academic Success for the College of New

Jersey.

History of the Pop Warner: In 1929, the owner of a new factory in Northeast Philadelphia enlisted the aid of a young friend, Joseph J. Tomlin, to solve a recurring problem. The factory's huge ground-to-floor windows were constantly being shattered - 100 broken windows in just one month - by teenagers hurling stones from a nearby vacant lot. Joe Tomlin, who excelled in sports, had a possible answer. Since the other factories in the area were also being plagued by the young vandals, he suggested that the building owners get together to fund an athletic program for the kids. By 1933, the Junior Football Conference had ex-

panded to 16 teams. That year Glenn Scobie "Pop" Warner, already a legend among active football coaches, arrived in Philadelphia to coach the Temple Owls. Joe Tomlin met Pop Warner at a winter banquet and asked him to lecture at a spring clinic. On the evening of April 19, 1934, there were high winds and torrential rain mixed with sleet. Of the dozen speakers at the clinic, only Pop Warner showed up. The 800 young football players kept him talking for two hours. By the end of the evening, the fledgling youth program was renamed the Pop Warner Conference. Walt Disney created a two-hour show, "Moochie of Pop Warner Football." It can still be seen today



Sammy Cruz

Let us all applaud the efforts of Sammy and congratulations to him and his family! To learn more, visit www.popwarner. com on the Disney cable channel

Provident Bank Promotes El Gamil To AVP

Press Release: May 15, 2013 ISELIN - Sarra El Gamil of Woodbridge was recently named assistant vice president in the cash management services division at Provident Bank. Based in Provident's Iselin office, El Gamil is responsible for identifying customized cash management products for commercial clients to help them grow their business, including tools to monitor daily cash flow, collection of receivables, options for payments and investment solutions and more.

El Gamil began her banking career at Provident in 2004 as a teller and has been promoted to various management positions over the years.

She earned a bachelor's de-



Sarra El Gamil

gree in economics from Kean University.

More information about Provident is available at www. ProvidentNJ.com.

Kevin J. Reinhard Detachment Installs Officers

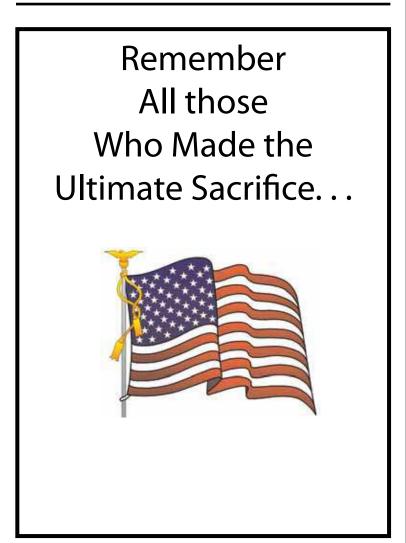
Press Release 5/14/13
WOODBRIDGE - Members of the Kevin J. Reinhard Detachment of the Marine Corps League held their induction ceremony at the Woodbridge Elks Club recently ... Tony Modzelewski, State Commander of the League congratulated the new officers and commended the detachment for an increase in membership. The new officers installed

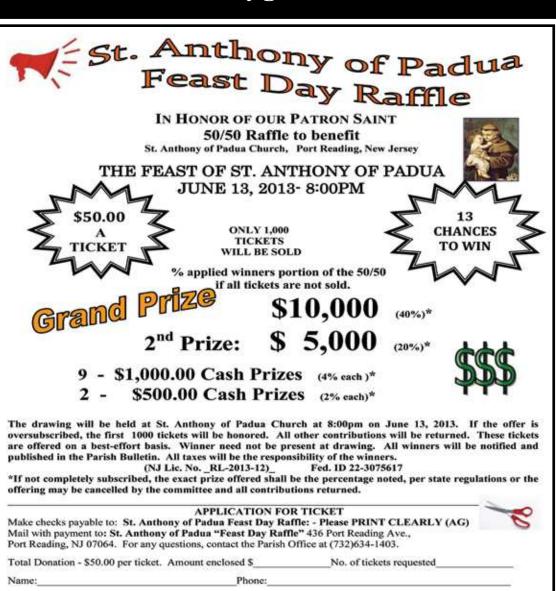
were: Burnett Shaffer, Commandant; Bob Hilliard, Sr. Vice Commandant; Ernest Stoukas, Jr. Vice Cmdt; Phil Crocker, Judge Advocate; Paul Coleman, Adjutant; John Bodnar, Paymaster; Harold Mann, Chaplain; Manny Simoes, Sgt. at Arms; James Hamilton, Chief of Staff; Jack McGreevey, Public Affairs and Joe Ruiz, Aide de Camp.

Paymaster Bodnar report-

ed that the detachment, year to date, contributed over \$15,000 to the Wounded Warrior Fund and Marines helping Marines among other charities. He stated that, "With our Commandant Shaffer being re-elected our detachment is in very capable hands and will continue to prosper under his care and direction while keeping alive the finest traditions of the Marine Corps.

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Memorial Day Parade And Ceremony

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Mayor Wilda Diaz and the American Legion Post 45 invites the residents of Perth Amboy to honor and remember military personnel who gave their lives while serving our country during this year's Memorial Day parade and ceremony to be held on Monday, May 27th.

"Memorial Day is a powerful statement that reflects the strength and pride that we hold as a community and most importantly as a nation. We look forward to the participation of local churches and other Perth Amboy organizations to join our efforts in recognizing and remembering the men and women who have served the United States," said Mayor Wilda Diaz.

PARADE: Monday, May 27th at 10 a.m. Begins at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA Parking Lot (357 New Brunswick Avenue) and will proceed to Sadowski Parkway

CEREMONY: Monday, May 27th at 11 a.m. (Following the parade)

Veterans' War Memorial on Sadowski Parkway

As a reminder to Perth Amboy residents, the City of Perth Amboy offices will be closed Monday, May 27th and there will be no garbage collection on Memorial Day. Trash will be collected on your next regularly schedule pick-up day.

The Golden Age Fashion Show

PERTH AMBOY - The City of Perth Amboy, Hon. Wilda Diaz and the Office on Aging presents The Golden Age Fashion Show, Friday, May 24 12 Noon, at Seabra's Armory, 200 Front St., Perth Amboy. For ticket price and info call 732-826-1690 ext. 4307. Must confirm attendance by May 15. No walk-ins/limited seating available.

Plays in the Park Trip PERTH AMBOY - The City

PERTH AMBOY - The City of Perth Amboy, Hon. Mayor Wilda Diaz, Office on Aging will be sponsoring a trip to Middlesex County Plays in the Park for the performance of Les Miserables on Tuesday, June 25. Bus will start picking up at 7p.m. (show starts at 8:30 p.m.) Price: \$6 per person (includes a snack). Please call the Office on Aging to sign up, 732-826-1690, Ext. 4307 to sign up

Firemen's Memorial Service - Alpine Cemetery, Perth Amboy *Photos by Katherine Massopust

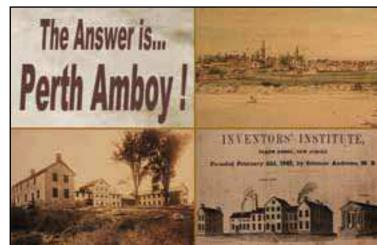






PERTH AMBOY - The Annual Perth Amboy Exempt Memorial Service was held at Alpine Cemetery at the Fireman's Memorial. The Exempts remembered their members that died in the past year. Kazmir Macrocki, John "Jack" Dudas, Arthur Brown and Robert J. "Foot" Langan Sr. The wreath was donated by the Muska family.





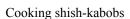




St. Stephen's Carnival Perth Amboy









Winning Prizes





1950 South Amboy Explosion Commemorated *Photos by Joe Bayona



Mary Szaro welcomes the crowd



Jerry Pizzillo gives a brief history of the events of 1950



Mayor Fred Henry portrays what it must have been like that day in 1950



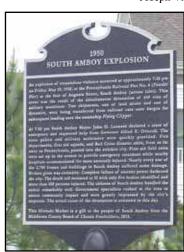
Al Rinn tells of losing two brothers and three cousins in the blast



Assemblyman Craig Coughlin presents proclamation to Mary Szaro as Senator Joseph Vitale looks on



Al Rinn and Harold Dennen meet for the first time.



Commemorative plaque overlooking the site of the explosion



Al Rinn prepares to throw wreath into the bay as Harold Denne and Mayor Henry look on.



Al Rinn and Harold Dennen true American heros

Congratulations



NEW BRUNSWICK - Congratulations to Dr. Randall Richardson who graduated from the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy, Rutgers University Branch! Surrounding Dr. Richardson is his brother, Reggie (L) and his parents Renna and Ralph Richardson.

- Love, Aunt Carolyn



Perth Amboy Historic Elm Tree Blooms *Photo by Carolyn Maxwell



PERTH AMBOY - The Historic Elm Tree in front of City Hall showed signs of life when it bloomed this spring.

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Meet the Mayors

WOODBRIDGE - The Economic Development and Partnership Opportunities to Improve Our Communities presents Meet the Mayors. 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 23rd at the Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main St., Woodbridge. Meet Carteret Mayor Reiman, Perth Amboy Mayor Diaz, South Amboy Mayor Henry, Woodbridge Mayor McCormac and South Plainfield Mayor Anesh. For more info call Middlesex Co. Chamber of Commerce at 732-745-8090 ext. 204.

Vendors Wanted

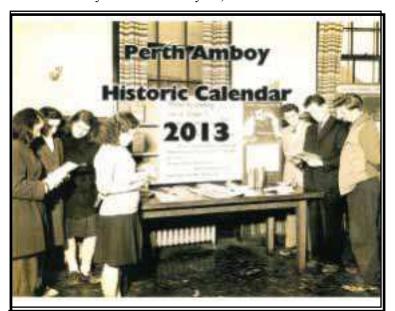
PERTH AMBOY - Vendors Wanted to sell crafts for a Zumbathon on 6/15/13. This event will take place at Blessed John Paul II Parish, St. Stephen's Church, 490 State Street, Perth Amboy. For more information or to reserve a space, please email event@johnpaulsecond. com or call 732-826-1395.

Annual 4th of July Picnic

PERTH AMBOY - The Annual 4th of July Picnic will be on Tuesday, July 2 at 10:30 a.m. at Alexander F. Jankowski Center, 1 Olive St., Perth Amboy. \$5 pp. Menu includes: Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, hot dogs, meatballs sandwiches, French fries, onion rings, etc. Call to sign up, 732-826-1690, Ext. 4307 or 4326.

Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program

PERTH AMBOY - The City of Perth Amboy, Mayor Wilda Diaz, Office on Aging And the Middlesex County Office on Aging and Disabled Services Announce that the 2013 Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program Voucher Applications will be available at the Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center, One Olive Street, Perth Amboy Starting May 21st by appointment only. Please contact The Office of Aging to schedule your appointment, 732-826-1690, Ext. 4307 or Ext. 4326. Seniors must meet income guidelines and must bring proof of income at the time of the appointment. This program if funded by U.S. Department of Agriculture, sponsored by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services and coordinated by the Middlesex County Office on Aging and Disabled Services.



Historic Perth Amboy Calendars For Sale

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library and The Kearny Cottage Historical Society have teamed up to create Historical Calendars with never before seen photos of Historic Perth Amboy. Calendars are \$10 each and are available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Raritan Bay Coffee Company at the Historic Train Station, Perth Amboy City Hall, High Street and Fertigs Dept. Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave. For more info call 732-293-1090.

We have a new email address! AmboyGuardian@gmail.com

Staples Associate Directs \$5,000 to Boys and Girls Club of Perth Amboy

Perth Amboy Staples Associate Chooses Non-Profit Organization to Benefit from Staples Foundation Grant

Press Release - May 16, 2013

Perth Amboy - Staples Foundation, the private charitable arm of Staples, Inc., has awarded \$5,000 Boys and Girls Club of Perth Amboy under a program that lets Staples associates direct donations. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Perth Amboy will utilize the Staples Foundation Grant to enhance their Project Learn component, a program developed to engage young people in learning and encourage them to succeed in school. Participation in this program will help drive academic success for youth. "When young people enjoy school and feel a sense of accomplishment, they are more likely to finish school and go on to post-secondary education and to become the lifelong learners we want them to be," said Tashilee Vazquez, Chief Professional Officer of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Perth Amboy.

The grants are part of a philanthropic initiative created by Staples Foundation which allows Staples associates around the world to direct funding to non-profit organizations that are focused on education or job skills. The program encourages local community engagement by awarding larger grants to organizations where associates are highly engaged in volunteering or fundraising - up to \$25,000 per organization.

The program, called 2 Million and Change, will award funds to organizations around the world, reaching more than \$2 million in grants by the end of the year. In 2012, associates globally directed more than \$2.1 million of Staples Foundation grants to 470 non-profit organizations.

"Staples Foundation is committed to making a positive impact in the communities where our associates live and work," said Katy Dobbs, director of global community and giving for Staples, Inc. "Through our program, we are pleased to support our associates and the local non-profit organizations that matter to them most."

Clothing Drive



FORDS - The teachers of Our Lady of Peace School participated in this weekend's clothing drive for the Boys & Girls Club. 7th grader Hunter Kiraly and 8th grader Travis Makar-Marino help unload bags of clothes donated by the teachers for pick up by the Boys & Girls Club later this weekend.

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Cards for Kids

WOODBRIDGE - Casino Night Semi-Formal, Thursday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Forge Inn, 1002 U.S. 9 Woodbridge. For more info visit bgcpa.us, e-mail Tashilee Vazqueza, info@bgcpau.us or call 732-324-2114 ext. 122. Catch up with friends, enjoy cocktails hors d'oeuvres, blackjack, Texas hold-em, craps and roulette, music, raffles, prizes, open bar and more. All proceeds will benefit the amazing Boys & Girls Clubs of Perth Amboy and Carteret.



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Tot Time & Storytime

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be Tot Time - (Ages 0-2) on Wednesdays at 2 p.m to 2:30 p.m. and Storytime (Ages 3-5) on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Wellness Through Tai Chi/Qigong OLD BRIDGE - Raritan Bay

Medical Center's Division of Integrative Medicine is offering a Wellness Through Tai Chi/Qigong class May 6 through 27, 7 to 8:15 p.m., at the hospital's Old Bridge location, Auxiliary Hall B & C located on the lower level of the Medical Arts Building, adjacent to RBMC Old Bridge on Ferry Rd. between Routes 9 & 18. Tai Chi and Qigong (energy work) emphasizes a calm mind and relaxed body, deep breathing with slow, even movements, correct posture and body alignment and stability, balance and coordination. Presented by Tai Chi/Qigong Practitioner Rich Lund, MS. Cost is \$40 for the five week program. For more information and to register, call 1-800-DOCTORS (1-800-362-8677), or email integrativemedicine@rbmc.org.

BAIT SHOP REPORT

By: Eddy Gonzalez PERTH AMBOY - Hey all! "inarguably the best striper fishing in years!" Perth Amboy has seen its share of striped bass but this year is going be one to remember due to the unseasonably cold weather and low water temps. The beachside has seen some amazing catches on chunked bunker. It's been the bait of choice, followed by fresh clams. The night crew has reported most of the action. Due to local shallow waters, the bass feel safer feeding at night

Bluefish action still remains heavy to the South but are slowly coming in the Bay, River, and Kill as they follow the bunker. As warmer weather makes its way more blues will follow. Chunked bunker and large hooks with steel leader will do the trick.

and are being landed in the 18

lb to 30 lb range.

Bunker have been doing there dance up and down the shoreline, at times close enough to snag. Snagging bunker can be productive, if done right. One must be very careful. Many people have gotten hurt by carelessness. Keep in mind to only snag what you need. I have seen many people get caught up in the snagging action and before they know it end up needlessly wasting the



fish. A negative side affect? Scaring off the schools with the striped bass and bluefish underneath them. They stand in the middle of a pile of bait without a fish for miles because they were scared off. They wait and once again for the bunker to show up and proceed to do it all over again. My suggestion: try throwing a metal or a plug to catch the fish underneath! The waste of a day, effort, and bait does not make sense to me.

On Saturday, May 18th fluke season opened. The shop is looking forward to its first weigh-in. We have received reports of nice fluke that were released early this year.

The pre-season fluke were nice sizes. It looks like the fish are here.

The shop is fully stocked with XL spearing, Peruvian yellow tails, and pre cut squid strips, and a large selection of Gulp. Live killies are expected any day now just need

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the weather to settle. Come by the shop and I'll set you up before your fishing trip.

This week I had a guest say: "Eddy, why do you bother carrying tackle when there are big box stores all around you? Some people might think they get a better deal there."

I laughed and asked him, do you go there? He replied: No way! I said, see not everyone goes there. What people that go to big box stores don't know, is that they can't get EVERYTHING there. They need the little shops to be open and profitable. Go to any of the Mart stores and ask if you may have a fresh bunker?, Live eels?, Killies? Or fresh clams? At least half of the staff will have no clue as to what you're asking for, much less tell you what hooks you need, or setups to try, should you be be short a few cents or a dollar?

Let me know what they say to you. Everything that I have just said is a fact. I've had people come into the shop with all the wrong equipment and say to me "Well, the kid at the store said I needed this" or "I couldn't find anyone to help me."

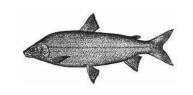
In time as people learn about our shop they will see that our prices are spot on. No one leaves my shop uncertain about their purchase, how to use it, or with extra stuff they don't need. So many outfitters tend to oversell a beginner. They say " you need this and that" they won't be a beginner for long and they'll remember what they did. I have faith in that every day more customers will realize this, so no I'm not threatened by the big stores. It just confirms our belief in customer service. I will continue to bring quality items in our shop. Like Penn, Shimano, and Suffix and so on and service our guests to the best of our abilities.

Please, don't forget to come check us out American Pride Bait and Tackle 211 Front Street, Perth Amboy (732)826-3705 we are open 7 days on Friday is our late night till 10 p.m.

This week's high tides 5/22 -5/28

Wed 05:52 am 06:27 pm Thurs 06:49 07:18 Fri 07:43 08:07 Sat 08:35 08:57 Sun 09:28 09:50 Mon 10:45 12:00 Tues 11:43 12:20

Next week on tasty fish recipes bluefish Eddy style



Benefit Spaghetti Dinner For Samantha Carey

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a benefit dinner for Samantha Carey hosted by South Amboy Elks Lodge #784, 601 Washington Ave, South Amboy on Saturday, June 1. Seatings at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Advance Reservation Required. For Tickets contact Teri at 848-565-6134 or email saelks784@ yahoo.com Raffles and 50/50.

Samantha is a smart, energetic, silly and beautiful 13 year old South Amboy Middle/High School 8th Grader in the National Junior Honor Society with an extremely infectious giggle and smile. Sammy played on the high school soccer and basketball steams and was also cast in the Wizard of Oz Play. On April 6 she was diagnosed with brain tumor at St. Peter's Hospital. On April 10 she underwent a craniotomy

to remove the brain tumor. She regained 75% movement of her left side. She was sent home from pediatric intensive care. Samantha experienced swelling at the operation site and accumulated a fluid buildup. Doctors drained her 3 times to no avail. She was readmitted to the hospital on April 23 for swelling on the brain.

A piece of her skull was removed and a stent was put in. She continued to receive IV antibiotics. Less than 24 hours later the swelling returned. Doctors decided to put in a subdural shunt under her missing skull on April 30 and continued with IV antibiotics. She will have long road to recovery with physical therapy and when she is ready in about 3 to 4 months she will have synthetic skull bone put back into the space they had to remove.



Women's Open Center

PERTH AMBOY - We are welcoming women to join us in our vision of forming a permanent women's community center. A place where we can come together to relax, share ideas, and target our dreams. During the formation process we will have open discussion on Healthy Living, Education, Business, Finances, and Future Goals. Let's grow together. Jankowski Center, 1 Olive Street, Perth Amboy, Wednesday May 22nd 6 p.m.

New Website

PERTH AMBOY - The Proprietary House is pleased to announce its new and improved website: www.The-ProprietaryHouse.org

This revised site includes new graphics, expanded history pages, upcoming events, and easy-to-use online forms for scheduling tours and rentals. We also have a new email address, info@theproprietary-house.org. We'll be adding and tweaking it in future, so please check back frequently. Please update your email address book and be sure to bookmark our new site and share it with your friends!

Relay for Life WOODBRIDGE - Join today

WOODBRIDGE - Join today and be a part of a community that takes up the fight against cancer. American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Woodbridge will be June 8-9. (Date is tentative). The event will be at Alvin P. Williams Memorial Park, Sewaren Peninsula To join visit: www.relayforlife. org/WoodbridgeNJ or contact Kaitlyn at 732-951-6344 or Woodbridge.Relay@cancer. org

Civil War Roundtable

WOODBRIDGE - The next meeting of the Robert E. Lee Civil War Round Table of Central New Jersey will be on June 3rd at the Woodbridge Library. This month's guest speaker, Gail Stephens, will talk about "Lew Wallace at Shilo". We are in the middle of the 150th anniversary of America's Civil War which was fought from 1861 to 1865. Come, join us, this and every month as we celebrate one of the most important events in our nation's history. All are welcome. And if you are not a paid member please consider doing so and help us keep history alive.

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Knitting Circle

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a Knitting Circle on the first and third Tuesday each month at 6 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-72 1-6060.

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we celebrate the works of Marcel Truppa, an experimental
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For more info call 732-6340413.

Trip to Mets Game

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 sponsors an outing to beautiful Citi Field to see the Mets battle the American League Champion Detroit Tigers with Triple Crown winner and MVP Miguel Cabrera, All Star Prince Fielder, and former Cy young award winner Justin Verlander in a 1:10 p.m. game on Sunday, August 25. There is a cost of \$70 which includes Tom Seaver All Star Bobblehead Doll, roundtrip motorcoach transportation, voucher for hamburger, or hot dog, or pizza, fries and soda. Snacks and beverages available at the Council Home on 308 Fourth St. Motorcoach leaves for the ballpark at 9:45 a.m. For reservations call Steve at 732-727-

LOOKING BACK



DO YOU REMEMBER this group of First Communicants of the Greek Catholic Congregation of St. John the Baptist in Perth Amboy. The picture, submitted by Peter Book of 54 Little St., Matawan, was taken in May, 1931. Not all the members of the class are identified but those known in the picture include: first row, Irene Yusko, Joseph Jugan, Margaret Swalagin, Eugene Zupko, Ann Balasik, Professor John E. Petach, the Rev. Alexander Papp, Betty Totin, unidentified, Helen Simkovich, Edward Milochik and

Margaret Bobal; second row, George Nimetz, unidentified, Michael Farincih, Margaret Bassarah, Michael Goncharcek, Genevieve Rebovich, unidentified, Betty Soripiato, two unidentified, Rose Tomchestky, Andrew Roman, Betty Ference, John Sesterak, two unidentified, George Totin, Mary Yacina, three unidentified, Julia Swalagin, John Radar, unidentified, Peter Book and Betty Bartko.

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Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

WED. May 22 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m.,

Williamson Hall, High St.

Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.

• St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St. HURS May 23 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a m

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TUES. May 28 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.

Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m.,
Presbyterian Center, Market St.

WED. May 29 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m.,

Williamson Hall, High St.
Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.

• St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.

Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m.,

Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.

THURS. May 30 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

MON. Jun. 3 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m.,

Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.

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Prayer To The **Blessed Virgin**

(Never known to fail)

O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Oueen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). **K.M.**

Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you.

Novena To St. Rita

O holy protectress of those who art in greatest need, thou who shineth as a star of hope in the midst of darkness, blessed Saint Rita, bright mirror of God's grace, in patience and fortitude thou art a model of all the states in life. I unite my will with the will of God through the merits of my Savior Jesus Christ, and in particular through his patient wearing of the crown of thorns, which with tender devotion thou didst daily contemplate. Through the merits of the holy Virgin Mary and thine own graces and virtues, I ask thee to obtain my earnest petition, provided it be for the greater glory of God and my own sanctification. Guide and purify my intention, O holy protectress and advocate, so that I may obtain the pardon of all my sins and the grace to persevere daily, as thou didst in walking with courage, generosity, and fidelity down the path of life. (Mention your request.)

Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us.

Saint Rita, advocate of the helpless, pray for us.

Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times each. K.M. & C.M.

Pierogi & Bake Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, 404 Division St. is having a bake/pierogi sale on May 27th to May 31st. Call 732-826-7067 between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on these dates to place your orders. Gourmet orders are handmade. Potato Pierogi - \$7, cake - nut, poppy seed, apricot, raspberry and prune -\$10. Pickup date is June 4,5,6 at the Church.

Prayer to Blessed Mother - Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen. K.P.

Prayer To Saint Jude

To be said when problems arise or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, or for cases almost despaired of. Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered our beloved Father into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron and invokes you universally, as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of. Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you, of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly (Here make your request) and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen. I.N.S.

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Prayer To St. Claire

Prayer To Blessed Mother

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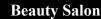
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