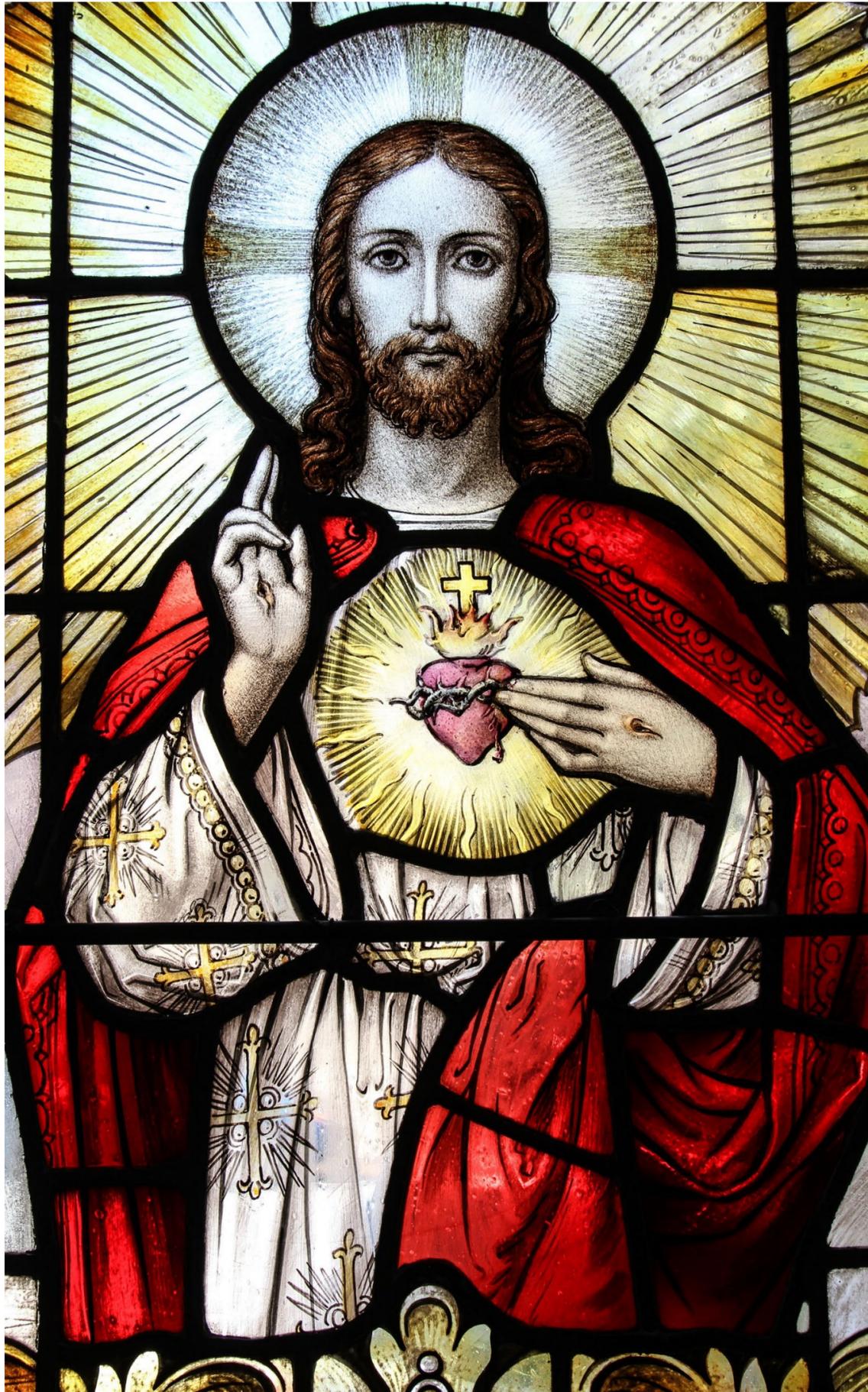




The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Very Rev. Robert Wolfee, V.F.



During the month of June, there is a focus on devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. One reason is that the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is usually celebrated during that month.

This Solemnity is not celebrated on a fixed date each year but rather on the Friday after the second Sunday after Pentecost. Since Pentecost is celebrated fifty days after Easter and since the date of Easter changes each year, the date of Pentecost also changes each year. Therefore, the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is not celebrated before May 30th or after July 2nd. In most years, it is celebrated during the month of June.

The following reflection is taken from a homily given on the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, using the Year B readings, which are Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8-9; Ephesians 3:8-12, 14-19; and John 19:31-37.

The epitome of love is God Himself. Pope Benedict XVI wrote his first encyclical on this subject and entitled it, **Deus Caritas Est**, or **God Is Love**. The human heart is the central organ of our bodies. Without it, the body can't survive and function. As such, the heart is associated with love. For example, when a relationship ends, we say that one or both parties has a broken heart. We refer to Jesus' heart as the Sacred Heart and venerate it as the source of divine love.

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During the seventeenth century, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a religious sister in France, had several visions of Jesus and His Sacred Heart. These visions centered around the basic sadness of Jesus' unrequited love. Although St. Margaret Mary wasn't the one who began devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, she vigorously promoted its devotion. St. Jean Eudes, who was a contemporary of St. Margaret Mary, did much to advance the devotion, especially by moving it from a private one to a public one.

The central emphasis of the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is reciprocation, of recognizing God's great love for each human being and then responding lovingly. Jesus' heart is one that never tires of compassion, always rejoices in the truth and whose capacity for love knows no limits. In the heart of Jesus, the very nature of God is revealed to us.

In St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians, he prayed that the hearts of his friends might take on the attitude of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. In essence, he was asking God that their hearts might be united with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. For this to happen, he prayed that his listeners might be rooted and grounded in love. Only through generous acts of charity and service would they be able to begin to grasp the depth of Jesus' love for them and for us.

To know our hearts, to know how to serve, we must cultivate some level of quietness in our lives. That's not easy considering the endless demands that life makes on us. We can easily fall into a sense of constant hurriedness. To counter that, we need to set certain

boundaries. One example would be to set aside ten minutes every day to pray in one form of prayer or another. We must maintain those boundaries or run the risk that our relationship with the Lord might not become as strong as it is capable of becoming or that it might not remain strong.

Jesus' Sacred Heart is a symbol of His humanity. It also exemplifies the extravagant love that He has for each of us. Part of that extravagance is His willingness to forgive us over and over, like a parent who continues to love his or her child despite the hurt the child sometimes causes by disobedience or by not caring. The passage from the Book of Hosea gives us a beautiful poem that describes the love that Jesus came to show us.

The gospel passage helps us see another aspect of the Sacred Heart. Reading about or hearing about water and blood flowing from the side of Jesus on the cross, we realize that He washed away our sins by His passion, death and resurrection.

This Solemnity provides a special time to focus on God's love, manifested in His Son, Jesus, living and dying for our salvation. As we give thanks for the Sacred Heart of Jesus, let us search our own hearts and see how well we have conformed them to Jesus' Sacred Heart and how His love is manifested in our lives.



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Some Holy Week Traditions of Italy

Rev. William Rock, FSSP

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As impressive and imposing as the historical ceremonies of Holy Week are, there grew up around them, and with them, from the well-formed piety of the faithful, other practices which, while complementing these liturgies, give them a more local flavor. In this way, place is found for both the universality of the Catholic Liturgy and also local customs. With this background, I would like to share here some Holy Week traditions from Italy.

The first actually begins at the start of Lent. In southern Italy, wheat is planted in shallow pots and then kept in a warm room with no light. Because of these conditions, the wheat grows with a golden color, instead of the usual green. In modern times, sometimes these pots also have flowers planted in them. On Holy Thursday, these pots, called *sepolcri* (*lavureddi* in Sicilian) are used to decorate the Altar of Repose. After the conclusion of the ceremonies, the golden wheat is planted in fields as a blessing.¹

Also on Holy Thursday, in certain villages, those men who had their feet washed would receive a bread wreath. In some places, such as in Calabria, dough shaped to represent the instruments of the Passion were baked onto the wreaths.

On Palm Sunday, olive branches are blessed in lieu of or together with palms. Prior to the reform of Holy Week under Pope Pius XII, the first of the five blessings was particularly for these branches.² The text of this first prayer is as follows:

*We beseech thee, O holy Lord, almighty Father, eternal God, that thou wouldst be pleased to bless and sanctify this creature of the olive tree, which thou madest to shoot out of the substance of the wood, and which the dove, returning to the ark, brought in its bill; that whoever receiveth it, may find protection of soul and body, and that it may prove, O Lord, a saving remedy, and a sacred sign of thy grace. Through Our Lord...*³



Wheat seeds are germinated to produce the *sepolcri*.

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The second, third (which says that “the olive branches proclaim, in some manner, the coming of a spiritual unction”⁴), and fifth prayers refer to both palm and olive branches. The focus of the fourth prayer is the olive branch, although the branches of other trees are mentioned:

*O God, who by an olive branch didst command the dove to proclaim peace to the world; sanctify, we beseech thee, by thy heavenly benediction, these branches of olives and other trees; that they may be serviceable to all thy people unto salvation. Through Christ, Our Lord.*⁵

In the same spirit of this prayer, again in certain villages, if there were any major disputes (such as siblings not speaking to each other) one of the parties could take one of these blessed olive branches after Mass and go to the house of the other party. He would then offer the olive branch as a way of signifying his desire for peace. If the branch was accepted, peace was established between them, and the dispute was never to be mentioned again. This was a public proposition of peace and reconciliation, similar to that done by Byzantine Christians at the start of Lent, but here a literal olive branch is extended. The hope was that peace could be restored before the Easter Season.

There is also a particular tradition common to the region of Campania, where the olive branches are decorated, including with treats. These olive branches are typically given as gifts to family and friends. This tradition is particularly strong in the town of Sorrento, on the bay of Naples. In this town they adorn the olive branches with *caciocavallo* cheese, little salamis, and colored ribbons. There is also the particular tradition of making *palme di confetti*, artificial twigs or saplings, and also baskets, decorated with treats called *confetti* or Jordan almonds, which are sugar-covered almonds.



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According to pious tradition, in the sixteenth century, the town was threatened by a Saracen fleet on one Palm Sunday. The faithful had taken refuge in the cathedral church and prayed for deliverance. The priest, already vested for the ceremony, proceeded with the blessing of olive branches. The second blessing from the Missal of Pius V, it should be noted, asks that where these blessed branches are that God's "right hand may preserve from all adversity and protect those that have been redeemed by our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son."⁶ Perhaps this prayer was in use at this time in Sorrento. In any case, during the blessing, in response to their prayers and possibly also due to the power of the [sacramentals](#) recently blessed, a storm broke out and the ships were sunk. There was, according to the account, only one survivor, a young slave girl. She made it to shore and, in thanks to God for saving her both from death and slavery, embraced the Catholic Faith.

She was found by a fisherman and led to the cathedral where she was welcomed by the townsfolk. In gratitude, she offered the *confetti* she was carrying on her which were distributed among those gathered. Until this time, the confection was unknown in the area. With the memory of this event, these artificial *palme di confetti* are made and blessed on Palm Sunday together with natural olive branches.⁷

As was said at the beginning of this article, practices such as these complement the universal Liturgy, allowing for local expression. May these practices, formed under the wings of the Liturgy, as it were, by our Catholic forefathers, be restored where they have fallen into neglect, preserved where they are still practiced, and adopted/adapted where proper. For they are also treasures of the Church.

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Recipe – Ricetta Casciatelli

Italian Apostolate member, Aaron Traas, shares a family recipe for the Easter season.

“My great-aunt always made casciatelli for Easter. It’s a typical Easter treat from Molise and appears to be related to the Sicilian cassatelle/cassateddi. The pastry should be tender but a bit chewy, almost pasta-like. The final pastries are very yellow in color, from the egg wash. The ricotta filling has strong orange and mild anise flavor.

My great aunt told me that, back in Monacilioni, the town in Provincia di Campobasso where my family hails from, they would make a bit of extra pastry when preparing the casciatelli. The extra pastry would be shaped into horses for the little boys and dolls for the little girls. They’d bake the treats and take them to Mass on Easter morning. Before Mass, the priest would bless them and the young children would eat their treats!”

INGREDIENTS

Pastry:

4 cups all purpose flour
4 eggs
1 stick butter, melted
1/3 cup sugar
1/4 cup orange juice

Filling:

2 eggs
2 lbs. ricotta
4 tbsp. sugar
zest of one orange
1 tbsp anisette

Egg Wash:

2 egg yolks beaten



[PHOTO: AARON TRAAS](#)

PREPARATION

FOR THE PASTRY: Pile the flour on your work surface. Make a large well in the middle. Add the rest of the pastry ingredients to the well and mix them together with your fingers or a fork. Slowly incorporate all of the flour into the mix. Knead by hand until homogeneous. Dough should be firm, not sticky. If too sticky, add a bit more flour. Let dough rest for 15 minutes then knead until smooth. Split into two portions, cover in bowl and set aside.

FOR THE FILLING: Combine all filling ingredients in a large bowl. Mix to combine and set aside.

Note: If the ricotta is loose and watery, drain it first, overnight, using a cheese cloth or a sieve!

ROLL OUT the dough to about 2 mm thick and cut into 6-inch to 8-inch rounds.

Note: If the dough is too tough to work with, cover with a towel and let it rest for another 10-15 minutes before rolling it out.

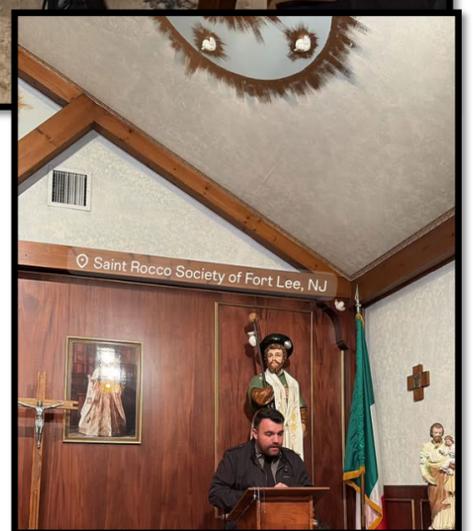
PUT A SCOOP of filling in the middle of each round of dough. Fold in half and crimp with a fork. Cut two vent slits in the top. Place the casciatelli on a baking pan and brush with beaten egg yolk.

BAKE in a preheated oven at 375°F for 20 minutes.

Past Events

Eventi Passati dell'Apostolato

- January:** Apostolate Coordinator Eric Lavin addressed over 250 attendees at the Italian American Future Leaders Conference in Sunrise, FL, as part of the "21st Century Leadership & The Italian American Feast" panel.
- January 26:** Italian Mass Brigade visited Our Lady of Grace Church in Fairview.
- January 28:** Monthly meeting and reflection at Annunciation Church in Paramus, with a special spiritual witness from Br. Jonathan Maria, C.F.R.
- February 23:** Italian Mass Brigade visited St. Nicholas Church in Palisades Park.
- February 24:** Meeting and reflection hosted by the St. Rocco Society of Fort Lee.
- February:** Priests of the Italian Apostolate gathered with Bishop Serratelli for pranzo at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament in Roseland to discuss ongoing collaboration. Special thanks to Fr. Prem Kumar (St. Francis, Hackensack), Fr. Firmin (St. Nicholas, Palisades Park), Fr. Bob Wolfee (Sacred Heart, Haworth), Msgr. Chris Hynes, and our dedicated priests Fr. Michael Barone and Fr. Tom Nicastro.
- March 15:** Special Italian Mass celebrated at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Montclair with the Archbishop of Ferrara-Comacchio.
- March 23:** Italian Mass Brigade attended 9:30 AM Mass at St. Joseph Church in Lodi.
- March 23:** Colazione hosted by the St. Joseph Society of Lodi with Fr. Jason Caganap, CRM.
- March 31:** Monthly meeting and reflection at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church in Ridgewood



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April 28: Meeting and reflection at St. Lucy Church in Newark

May 19: Meeting and reflection at St. Ann Church in Hoboken

June 30: Meeting and reflection at St. Leo Church in Elmwood Park

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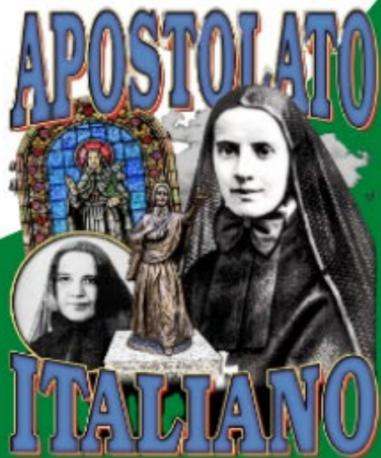
October 4: 2nd Annual Mass of for the Italian Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Newark
Celebrant: Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.S.S.R, D.D.
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Thursday May 15th at 7:00 PM

Friday May 16th at 7:00 PM

*Saturday May 17th at 8:00 PM to
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Società di San Giovanni Battista - Hammonton



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Upcoming Events:

- Sunday - March 9, 2025 – Spring Forward Community Breakfast - 10:30PM-1:30PM, Tomasello Winery Hammonton NJ
 - Saturday - June 14, 2025 – Father's Day Weekend Spaghetti Dinner – St. Anthony Hall @ St. Anthony's Church, Hammonton 1PM-7PM
 - Tuesday - June 24, 2025 – St. John's Feast 6PM @ St. Joseph's Church Hammonton. Procession and Dinner will follow mass. Pass the Prosciutto Competition will be held at dinner.
 - Friday - August 29, 2025 – Holy Smoke-6PM-10PM, Tomasello Winery Hammonton.
- Contact charliesbarra00@comcast.net with questions.

Maria SS. della Lavina di Cerami - Caldwell



Devotion to the Blessed Virgin in Cerami (Enna), Sicily under the title of Our Lady of the Torrent (Madonna della Lavina or Maria SS. della Lavina) dates to about 1630 when a miraculous Byzantine icon of the Virgin nursing the Christchild, possibility dating back to the 1300s, was found in a torrent which resulted from a storm. Brought by Sicilian immigrants to the New World, this devotion found a home at St. Aloysius church in Caldwell. While there had been Ceramesi immigrants in the area since the 1880s, the beginning of the American observance took place on a hot summer day in 1912, when, during a work break, Ceramesi laborers began to sing in honor of Maria SS. della Lavina, "protector of their fathers in Italy and of them in America." Soon after, a Maria SS. della Lavina Mutual Aid Society was established at the parish. Having died out, an effort was begun in 2023 by the Italian Apostolate to restore this devotion which is currently "the only Archdiocesan approved Extraordinary Form Italian Devotion."

Current activities include designing and purchasing Sicilian feast neckerchiefs, ordering laurel branches for the 2025 procession, and taking steps to restore the old society banner. The 2025 celebration is scheduled for Saturday, September 6, 2025, with Mass starting at 11 am, at St. Aloysius church in Caldwell to be followed by a procession and light reception.

St. Joseph Church – Lodi

St. Joseph Church is a vibrant Catholic community ministered by the Adorno Fathers. The newly installed pastor is Fr. Jason, and the parochial vicar is Fr. Arjay. Included in their weekend Mass schedule is a bi-lingual Italian/English Mass on Sundays at 9:30 AM.

Many organizations are part of St. Joseph Church, each holding on to cherished traditions and contributing to the parish in special ways. The Società dell'Immacolata Concezione, dedicated to the Blessed Mother, meets every second Monday of the month at 7 PM for the Rosary and Mass in Italian. This organization installed a beautiful prayer garden with a statue of Mary, and memorial pavers are still available for purchase. The Rosarians hold a procession in October in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Table of St. Joseph is held annually in March, organized by the St. Joseph Society. Each year, the church hosts an outdoor feast over Labor Day weekend, featuring games, rides, vendors, music, and raffles.

A unique tradition is the Misa de Gallo, a novena Mass held for 9 days before Christmas at 5:30 AM. St. Joseph Church has an Adoration Chapel that holds the Blessed Sacrament and is open 24/7. Additionally, there is a monthly Padre Pio Mass and Healing Service held on the 23rd of each month at 7 PM.



Italian Feasts - Township of Washington

To honor and preserve the Italian Catholic traditions passed down by our ancestors, our society, Italian Feasts, is dedicated to promoting these customs nationwide. St. Catherine of Alexandria, known for her wisdom, courage, and steadfast faith, is the patroness of Italian Feasts. She embodies the values we strive to uphold: preserving the beauty, richness, and devotion of Italian Catholic traditions for generations to come.

Our website serves as a free resource listing all upcoming religious feasts and recurring Italian Masses across the USA. Additional features include a weekly newsletter to ensure you never miss an event and a directory to look up your town's patron saint in Italy. More features are on the way! We also offer YouTube prayer meditations through St. Rocco's Dog. Please consider supporting us to keep this service free for all by purchasing Padre Pio's Espresso Companion (with imprimatur) or Antonella: a Saint Francis of Paola story (with imprimatur), now available on Amazon.

Join us for our second annual Mass in honor of our patroness, St. Catherine of Alexandria, on November 25, 2025, at Our Lady of Good Counsel in the Township of Washington. St. Catherine of Alexandria, pray for us! Visit ItalianFeasts.org.

Italian Mass Times

See the list of Italian Masses below based on parish websites. Times listed in respective local times. ALWAYS CHECK WITH ATTENDING TO ENSURE TIME IS CORRECT.

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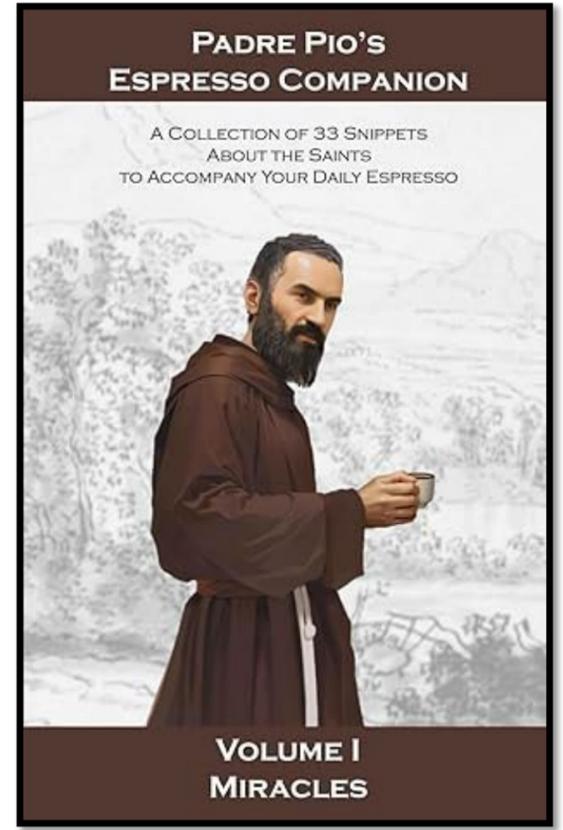
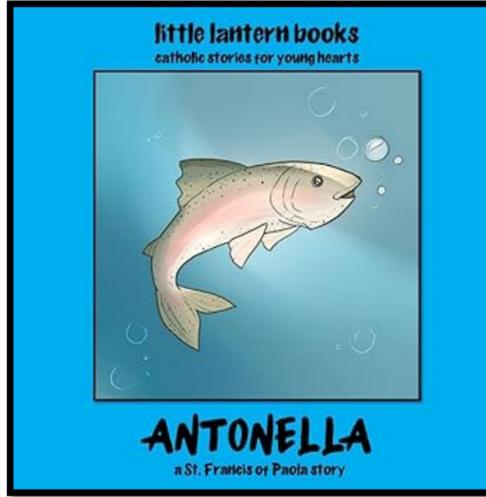
Sunday, March 16, 2025
TAVOLA DI SAN GIUSEPPE
Lodi, New Jersey

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 7:30 PM (Local Time)
ST. JOSEPH
Lodi, New Jersey

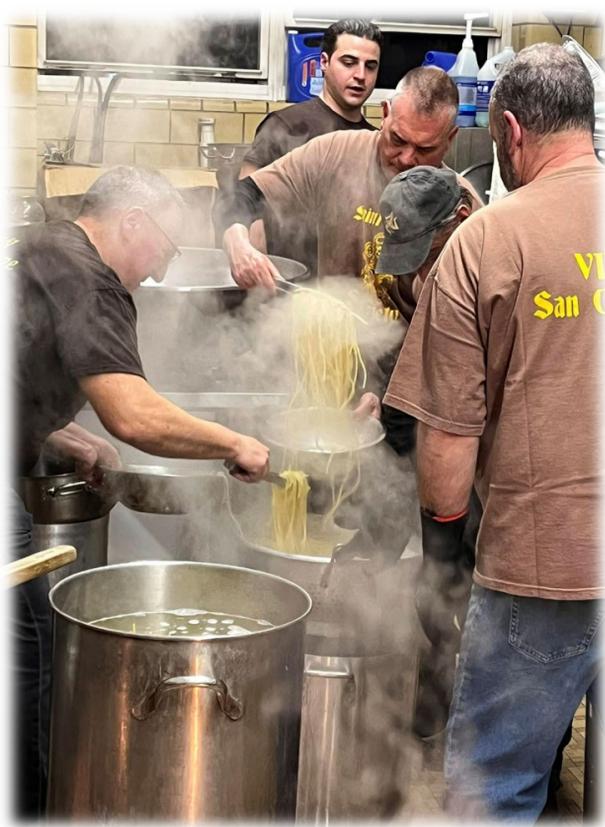
Saturday, March 22, 2025 6:00 PM (Local Time)
LA TAVOLATA DI SAN GIUSEPPE
Lodi, New Jersey

Saturday, April 26, 2025 11:00 AM (Local Time)
MARIA SANTISSIMA INCORONATA
Orange, New Jersey

FULL FEAST FLYER



St. Joseph Society - Lodi



The Saint Joseph Society was founded on December 7, 1915, by Sicilian immigrants devoted to their patron, St. Joseph. Their mission was to establish a place of worship in Lodi, New Jersey, in his honor. The most recent Tavolata took place on March 22, 2025. The next Feast is scheduled for Labor Day Weekend 2025. To join or learn more, email saintjosephsocietylodinj@yahoo.com.

Monsignor's Garden - Newark



Monsignor's Garden
By Ferdinando "Nando" Palumbo

The Gardening Committee of the Italian Apostolate has been working on Monsignor Ambrosio's Garden at OLMC for the 2025 season and will be cultivating sepulcher grains for Holy Thursday.

We composted garden waste and brought in loads of additional compost to improve the soil fertility. We also pruned fruit trees to increase productivity and improve access to the fruit. We have started our seedlings indoors; thanks to heirloom Italian seeds from Tiffany Minichino-Wharton, we will have many exciting varieties. It is greatly beneficial to give our plants a head start by growing them indoors until we can plant them outside.

Sepulcher Grain will be cultivated for Holy Thursday altars. We will plant sepulcher grain at OLMC Newark during the second week of Lent. Those interested in receiving sepulcher grain or fruit tree cuttings should reach out to Eric or me.

Inspired by St. Francis, we tend the garden to nurture both the earth and our faith, looking forward to a season of growth and blessings.

St. Anthony the Abbot Society – Hammonton



The Saint Anthony the Abbot Society is a longstanding religious and civic organization in Hammonton, New Jersey. Hammonton's earliest Italian settlers from Gesso, Messina, Sicily maintained this longstanding devotion to the village's patron by organizing a society to sponsor an annual celebration of the feast day. While the formal history of the Society's early days is currently unknown, the group initially operated under the title of "Comitata di Festa di Sant'Antonio Abate." In its early days, the Society thrived, benefiting from an influx of Italians venturing to Hammonton from Gesso during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, but membership ultimately waned in the late 1990s, resulting in the end of the Feast Day Mass and the termination of the charter in 2016. On January 17, 2025, we hosted a reinaugural Mass and dinner, initiating the process of restoring this tradition. Our celebration was a great success, underscoring the enduring importance of this feast to our community. We are currently in the process of formally reorganizing the Society, and look forward to preserving this tradition for years to come.

The San Placido Society - Easton (Pennsylvania)

The San Placido Society of Easton, PA celebrated their 106th feast Sunday September 1, 2024. Mass was celebrated by Father Jim Kemi from Nairobi, Kenya who has spent his summers in Easton, PA for 20+ years. After mass the faithful made their way to the South Side of Easton for the Annual Procession with the statue of San Placido. This year was not without its changes but as usual the society handled the changes well. This year's procession had a new start/end location which was easier for carriers and allowed the procession to remain on the SouthSide of Easton where traditionally many Italians lived, especially those from Castel di Lucio the town that calls San Placido their patron. Thank you to everyone who attended, especially Apostolate members Patrick O'Boyle, Louie NiCastro and Ferdinando Palumbo.



Holy Rosary Church - Jersey City

"Holy Rosary Church is the oldest Italian Roman Catholic Church in the state of New Jersey. It's congregation now reflects the growing "tapestry of nations" that makes up the demographics of Historic Downtown Jersey City."

Holy Rosary's Parish Center is currently being transformed into a very special place. After the Saturday mass on February 8th, parishioners were invited to a Holy Happy Hour to get a sneak peek at the renovations. Wine and cheese were enjoyed as everyone took a look around! After the mass on Sunday February 9th, the congregation was welcomed to attend a very special agape and glanced around at the restoration of this exceptional space.

Looking ahead to summer, La Festa begins on Wednesday, August 13th. There will be an abundance of food, (our famous rice balls and zeppole!) drinks (wine and peaches), games for the family and live entertainment. On August 15th at 11 AM, there will be mass in Honor of our Lady of the Assumption. On August 16th at 11 AM, there will be mass in honor of Saint Rocco.

This year is Holy Rosary's 140th anniversary. Please mark your calendars and join us for mass on October 12, 2025. We look forward to celebrating this remarkable milestone with you all.



Our Lady of Grace - Fairview



The Our Lady of Grace Youth Group started 2025 strong with a collaboration with the Italian Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Newark. They joined us for our Italian Mass, fostering a beautiful sense of faith and community.

At the beginning of February, we were blessed with a lovely procession led by Fr. Peter Sticco and the sisters for the Presentation of the Lord. Additionally, our youth group leaders guided the 7th graders through their Confirmation retreat on a Saturday morning, supporting them in their faith journey.

As a Pallottine community with roots in St. Vincent Pallotti's mission, we eagerly anticipate further collaborations, service opportunities, and a meaningful Lenten season.



Famiglia degli Apostolati - Paterson

La Famiglia degli Apostolati supports apostolates and societies in their individual efforts. Among these, the Purgatorial Society of St. Andrew Avellino organizes four traditional Requiem Masses each year for all the souls enrolled. The Society of St. Margaret of Cortona focuses on the conversion of loved ones, enrolling all members into at least twelve Masses annually offered for family and friends. Both societies allow unlimited enrollments of your loved ones. Upcoming Masses include a sung Traditional Latin Mass in honor of St. Angelus of Jerusalem on May 5, 2025, organized by the Saint Angelus Society at the Carmelite Monastery in Morristown, NJ, and a Rogation Mass with Eucharistic procession on May 27, 2025, organized by the Society of Saint Zacharias at the Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, a pilgrimage site for Jubilee 2025. Visit Apostolati.org to learn more.



La Societa Madonna della Fontana - Newark

The Society of the Madonna della Fontana honors a devotion that began in the early 1900s in Calabria, where a woman, guided by a dream, discovered a statue of the Virgin Mary in a cave. A small sanctuary was later built on the site in 1920. Today, the Society gathers at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Newark, New Jersey. The 51st Annual Feast of the Madonna della Fontana and Archangel Michael will be celebrated on Sunday, May 18, 2025, at 3:00 PM with Mass in Italian offered by Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio. A procession and luncheon will follow. Leading up to the feast is a Triduum of prayer: Thursday, May 15 and Friday, May 16 at 7:00 PM, and Saturday, May 17 from 8:00 PM to midnight, which includes a novena, Benediction, Rosary, and other prayers. All are welcome to join in this cherished tradition.



La Societa Madonna della Fontana e Lo Spilingese Social Club invite you to come celebrate the 51st Annual Feast of the

Madonna della Fontana & Arcangelo San Michele

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Nicholas A. DiMarzio, Ph.D., D.D. Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Brooklyn on Sunday, May 18th, 2025 at 3:00 pm
SANTA MESSA IN ITALIANO ALLE 3:00
PROCESSION AND LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW
Triduum

Thursday May 15th at 7:00 PM
Friday May 16th at 7:00 PM
Saturday May 17th at 8:00 PM to 12:00 Midnight

Novena | Benediction | Rosary | Prayers

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
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