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interested in serving on
the Board or joining the
Italian American
Club of Lansing.

**"One of the great joys
of traveling through Italy
is discovering firsthand
that it is, indeed,
a dream destination."**

— Debra Levinson



From the IAC President...



Dear Members and Supporters,

We are inching close to Spring! I want to take this opportunity to say “thank you” to all the IAC Board Members for their continued dedication and time. I would like to welcome two new board members, Giorgio Burigana and Jennifer (Burigana) Preslar. Wonderful to have you on the board!

Welcome new members: Mark and Angela Peña and Family; Timothy and Mary Averill.

The following are dates of upcoming Club activities (events) and other Italian Community events from around the State. Please place these special dates on your 2023 calendars!

Italian Language Classes – we will soon be offering conversational Italian classes (basic and continuing). The instructor will be Giorgio Burigana, Board Member and they will be held at St. Therese Catholic Church, 102 W. Randolph Street. Enrolment will be first come, first serve, maximum of 10 students, per class. The cost is \$60.00/person for a 6-week course.

March 26th: *Feast of San Francesco di Paola Celebration*. A mass will be celebrated, at St. Therese Catholic Church, at 1:30 pm, with celebrants Fr. John Fain and Fr. Enzo Addari. Immediately following mass will be a social hour, in the parish hall. No cost for this event and everyone is welcomed! Please bring a dessert or snack to share.

IAC Merit Scholarship – if you have a senior in high school and have been a member for two consecutive years, have your student complete the Merit Scholarship Application, from the IAC of Lansing website and **must** be postmarked by midnight, March 31, 2023.

Saturday, July 1, 2023: *Italian Football League – Italian Superbowl*. In Toledo, Ohio. This will be a full week filled of various activities. More information to come. We hope to have enough interest to charter a bus to Toledo.

It is with great sadness to inform you on the passing of Joe Joseph, a former board member. He assisted in the organizing and coordinating of many previous pasta dinners and other events. I had the privilege of knowing and serving with Mr. Joseph. My sympathy to his entire family. May he rest in peace.

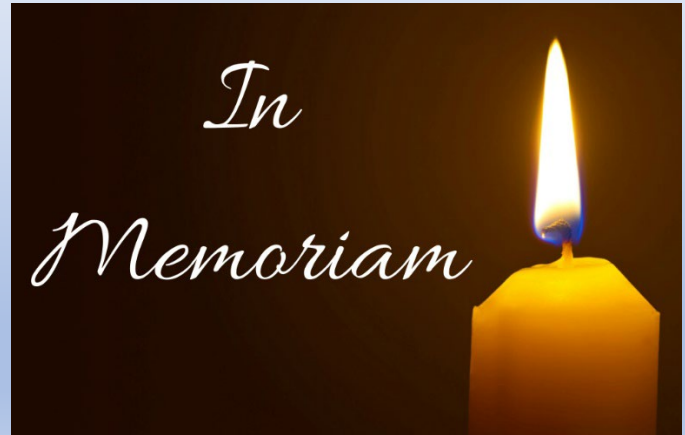
As always, thank you for your continued support of the Italian American Club of Lansing, this will help to maintain our mission, of preserving the Italian culture, traditions, and heritage. If you know of someone that is NOT a member, encourage them to join, by visiting www.lansingiaac.org and downloading a membership application! Grazie.

I would like to wish you and your family members a Happy and Blessed Easter! Buona Pasqua!

Best Regards, *Tony De Luca*, President



Joseph “Joe” Anthony Joseph



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BENVENUTO

Welcome New Members!

**Mark and Angela Peña and Family
Timothy and Mary Averill**

**Thank you for helping to maintain
the Italian culture, heritage, and traditions!**



Events Calendar

Thursday, March 2nd	IAC Board Meeting (subject to date/location change)
Wednesday, March 8th	Introduction to Conversational Italian Classes Begin
Sunday, March 19th	San Giuseppe – St. Joseph's Day
Sunday, March 26th	Celebration – the Feast of San Francesco di Paola
Friday, March 31st	Deadline for the 2023 Merit Scholarship Submission
Thursday, April 6th	IAC Board Meeting (subject to date/location change)
Wednesday, April 19th	Continuing Italian Conversation Classes Begin
Thursday, May 4th	IAC Board Meeting (subject to date/location change)
Thursday, June 1st	IAC Board Meeting (subject to date/location change)
Saturday, July 1st	Italian Football League Italian Superbowl in Toledo, Ohio



One of the most celebrated holidays In Italy, next to Christmas is Easter. This is a very holy holiday for Catholics in the United States, but it is even more celebrated in Italy.

There are various traditions that each region in Italy celebrates for Easter. But most traditions are consistent throughout the country. One of these traditions is the preparation and eating of “frittata”. The frittata or omelet is enjoyed after the ending of the Lenten season, on Holy Saturday. This delicious dish is made with eggs, combined mixed with various meats like i.e., Italian sausage or pancetta (bacon). Other ingredients added to are ricotta and mozzarella cheese.

Another traditional item is the Easter bread, in Calabria, they call it Cuzzupa. The bread is usually made into a large round circle or a long loaf that is braided.

Hard boiled eggs are sometimes placed in certain section of the bread and the bread can either be sweet or plain...

Another Easter tradition is the “Pasquetta” (picnic), this takes place on the Monday after Easter. All of Italy comes to a standstill, Italians enjoy a day of picnicking in the mountains, or the beaches, or countryside. They set up camp and enjoy the packed lunches they brought with them. The lunches consist of the delicious frittata, hard boiled eggs, the Easter bread, and various meats. Many individuals will make the day into a fun day o filled with activities with and sharing the day with family and friends.

“Share your Italian childhood family Easter traditions with your family.”





San Francesco di Paola Mass Celebration



To honor San Francesco di Paola, the patron saint of southern Italy

Sunday, March 26, 2023

1:30 p.m.

St. Therese Catholic Church

(corner of Randolph & Turner Streets, four blocks north of Old Town)

Celebrants: Fr. John Fain & Fr. Enzo Addari

Social hour with desserts and snacks to follow
(please bring a dessert/snack to share)

Please help support this special celebration day
and maintain this wonderful tradition.

For more information,
contact Tony De Luca at 517.974.1706
or deluca_iac@yahoo.com

Everyone is welcome!



San Giuseppe - St. Joseph's Day

March 19, 2023



In the Italian South, Giuseppe is one of the most common names - with female counterpart Giuseppina, and short forms Peppino, Pino, Pina, Giusy (a popular modern variation).

San Giuseppe, carpenter, and husband to Mary, is celebrated on May 1st. But the name Giuseppe is celebrated on 19 March, as the "festa del papà" (**Father's Day**), very widespread in Italy.

In popular tradition the Gospel story of St. Joseph asking for shelter for his wife heavy with child and being rejected by everybody led on this festive day to the tradition of offering food and hospitality to the poorest. The table was blessed by the priest and the poor were served first.

Another tradition of celebrating San Giuseppe on March 19th began in **Sicily** in the Middle Ages during a terrible drought. People prayed San Giuseppe to help them, and rain came. In gratitude, huge banquet tables were prepared, and anybody was invited to eat as much as they wanted.

In many Italian localities the feast was often associated to bonfires and preparing (and eating) *zeppole*. Bonfires were inherited from pagan rural cults: March 19th marked the end of winter, and fires were made to burn all remains of previous harvests on the fields; youths, feeling the new spring air, jumped beyond the dying fires -- and still today in Italy the tradition of eating the famous *zeppole* is kept everywhere, and it is a feast for children to prepare them with mothers (and fathers).

- Article courtesy of Italian Heritage



2023 Merit Scholarships

The IAC of Lansing is presently accepting applications for the awarding of up to two merit-based scholarships in the amount of \$500.00, to high school seniors of IAC members. The scholarships are to be used for educational expenses incurred at an accredited college or university. The following are the eligibility requirements:

1. Applicants must be a child of IAC member(s), in good standing, for at least two years, (the year of application and the preceding year.)
2. Scholarships are available to qualified high school seniors who have applied and/or been accepted in an undergraduate program in an accredited college or university for the fall academic term of the year of application. The application deadline is **midnight of March 31, 2023 (post marked)**.

Any applications received after the midnight deadline will considered ineligible.

3. The winners will be selected by a third party who are not affiliated with the IAC of Lansing. Selected winners will be notified prior to May, and scholarships are awarded at the *IAC General Meeting*. The winners must be present at the General Meeting to receive the awarded check which will be issued in the Individuals name along with the name of the university that will be attended.

For more information on the IAC Merit Scholarship, please contact
Tony De Luca: deluca_iac@yahoo.com.

To download the Merit Scholarship Application, visit <https://www.lansingiac.org/>.

Please mail your scholarship application to:
IAC of Lansing
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 27456
Lansing, MI 48901



**In-Person
Class
Offerings**



Basic Introduction to Conversational Italian *(6 weeks, 1 hour)*

Wednesdays: March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 12

- ☐ Various Greetings
- ☐ Days of the Week
- ☐ Pronunciation of common objects and much more!
- ☐ Learning the Alphabet
- ☐ Number Counting

Continuing Italian Conversation *(6 weeks, 1 hour)*

Wednesdays: April 19, 26 May 3, 10, 17, 24

- ☐ Common Shopping Phrases
- ☐ Menu Ordering
- ☐ Phrases to use while traveling and much more!

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**St. Therese Catholic Church – Fr. McGivney Classroom
102 W. Randolph Street in Lansing**

Cost: \$60 per person (six-week session)

Class Size – 6 to 10 Participants

Instructor: Giorgio Burigana

Contact Tony De Luca at deluca_iac@yahoo.com to register

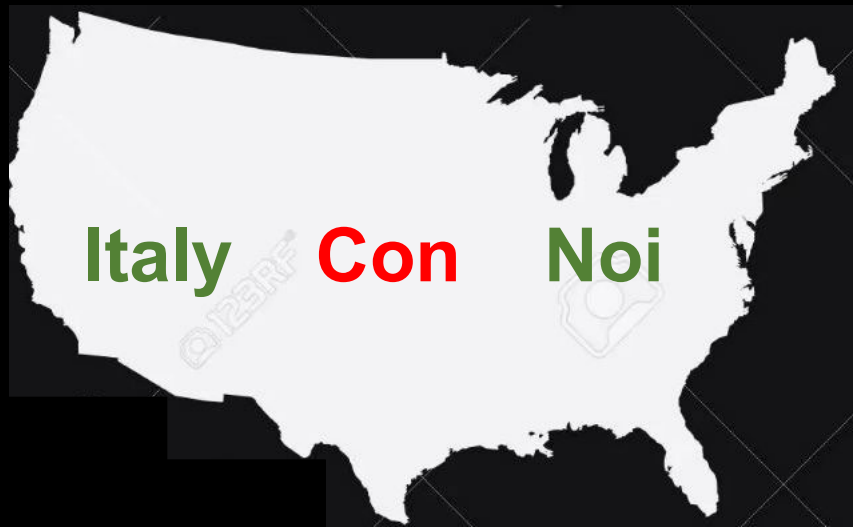
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Italy Con Noi – produced by Marelli Productions

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If you would like to be a sponsor of this program, please call 248-670-0093 for more information.

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COMCAST Channel 90. Air times – Wednesday 5:00 – 6:00 pm.

Sunday 4:00 – 5:00 pm.

SATURDAY: 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 5:00 to 6:00 pm

The Italian American Club of Lansing is a proud sponsor of this program



Easter Menu Ideas... (Italian Food Forever)



Easter Sunday in an Italian home is a joyous occasion spent with family and friends. Typical of Italian cuisine, most holiday tables are planned around seasonal favorites, emphasizing that springtime is a wonderful season.

Artichokes, fava beans, baby peas, and asparagus fill the market stands across the country. Lamb is often the meat of choice and is cooked in many ways, particularly by roasting. For dessert, regional specialties are offered, including many that are rich in eggs and cheese.

Here are several traditional recipes for you to choose from for your Easter dinner this year. You may follow the recipe as written or add your own special touch.

Enjoy!

Antipasti

[Fava Beans with Pecorino Cheese](#)
[Stuffed Mushrooms with Ricotta Surprise](#)
[Bruschetta with Radicchio & Goat Cheese](#)

Primi

[Lemon Pasta with Grilled Shrimp](#)
[Risotto Primavera](#)
[Creamy Asparagus Soup](#)

Secondi

[Roasted Spring Lamb with Garlic and Herbs](#)
[Prosciutto & Spinach Stuffed Turkey Breast](#)

Contorni

[Crispy Roasted Potato Spirals](#)
[Roasted Baby Carrots with Orange & Honey](#)
[Asparagus Parmesan](#)
[Baked Baby Artichokes](#)
[Green Beans with Peppers](#)

Dolci

[Ricotta Cake with Lemon Glaze](#)
[Torta della Nonna](#)
[Lemon Ricotta Cheesecake](#)



For Your Listening Pleasure...

(Click below)



Perks of a Lansing IAC Membership...

These local businesses may offer *discounts to our members!

Tony M's Restaurant
3420 S. Creyts Rd
Lansing, MI 48917
517.322.2069

Jewelry by
James Dravenstatt-Moceri
517.256.5973
(by appointment only)

Jimmy's Pub
16804 Chandler Rd
East Lansing, MI 48823
517.324.7100

Loves Law, PLLC
105 W Hillsdale St
Lansing, MI 48933
517.574.4440

Piazzano's Restaurant
1825 N Grand River Ave
Lansing, MI 48906
517.484.0150

Cakes-A-Bloomin
412 Elmwood Rd
Lansing, MI 48917
517.321.2230

*Due to COVID, some businesses are no longer able to offer discounts to our members.

Please check with management regarding the availability of discounts.

Remember, we're all in this together and adapting together.



Join the *Italian American Club of Lansing*

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Membership year is May 1st to April 30th)

Member(s) Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Family Membership: *(names of children)*

Membership Fee: *(check one):*

_____ \$45.00 for Family _____ \$35.00 for Individual _____ \$15.00 for Honorary (70 years & older)

_____ \$20.00 for Students (ages 21 and older) Referred by: _____

Mail Application and Payment: Italian American Club of Lansing
P.O. Box 27456
Lansing, MI 48909

If you have questions, please email Tony DeLuca at deluca_iac@yahoo.com

Maintain the Italian heritage, culture, and traditions by supporting the IAC of Lansing!

Thank you



Support the *Italian American* *Club of Lansing*

SPONSOR APPLICATION

Memberships year is May 1st to April 3rd

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Website Address: _____

Advertising Start Date: _____

Sponsor Fee: \$99.00 for one full year

Mail Application and Payment: Italian American Club of Lansing
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Thank you