



Italian Catholic Federation

Stockton District

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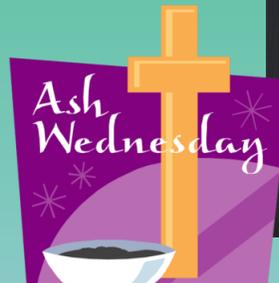
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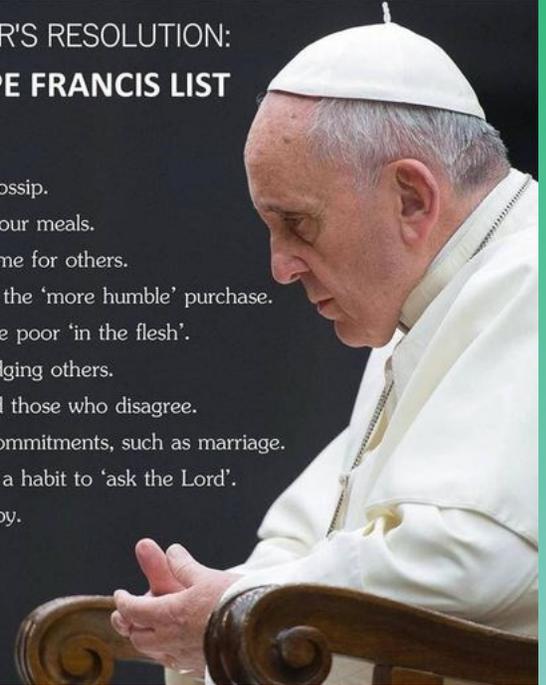


NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: THE POPE FRANCIS LIST

1. Don't gossip.
2. Finish your meals.
3. Make time for others.
4. Choose the 'more humble' purchase.
5. Meet the poor 'in the flesh'.
6. Stop judging others.
7. Befriend those who disagree.
8. Make commitments, such as marriage.
9. Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord'.
10. Be happy.

Paradiso

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A Note from Deacon Karl

2020 is now behind us, and I can truthfully say it was the WORST year of my life! My dad had three strokes between 1972 & 1975, and he died the same year I got married in 1978. My wife, Thelma, has had a lot of health problems over the 42 years we have been married, including a 10- hour pancreatic surgery in 1989, several neck & back surgeries since then, and finally a severe stroke in 2017. It was only by the grace of God that we made it through all those problems, but I can tell you NONE OF THOSE affected me as much as 2020 did! It was a very discouraging year, and I hope and pray that 2021 will be much better for all of us. I really believe it will be.

We just celebrated the great feast of Christmas, when we commemorate the birth of a little baby in Bethlehem, who was born in a cave where animals ate and slept. He was raised by Mary and Joseph, who were never rich or famous, and the first people who were notified of His birth were some poor shepherds who were tending their flocks. Yet everyone came to see that little baby, because they had been told that He was the Savior of the world.

Sure enough, He grew up and made blind people see, deaf people hear, and lame people walk. He cured lepers and forgave sinners, and ultimately, He died on the Cross to give all of us a chance to go to heaven, in spite of our sins and our faults and our limitations. After He died, He rose from the dead and overcame sin and death and evil, and all the things we fear in this life. Finally, He ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us. That is where He wants all of us to be one day.

Christ has been called the Light of the World, and He can bring light into our lives, the same as He brought light into the world over 2000 years ago. No matter how bad 2020 was, Christ is the one who can bring us out of the darkness in our lives and into His Light. He can end the Pandemic we are suffering from, and He can help us to recover from whatever problems we may have, but we have to embrace Him as our Lord and King and Savior and be totally committed to Him. We have to welcome Him into our hearts and souls, just like the people in Bethlehem did over 2000 years ago. Then He can transform our lives, help us to endure our difficulties, and give us the grace and the strength and the courage we need to follow Him. Whenever He calls us from this life, we will be able to go with Him and live in the glory and splendor and happiness of heaven.

So, welcome Christ into your lives, and look forward to a better year in 2021. HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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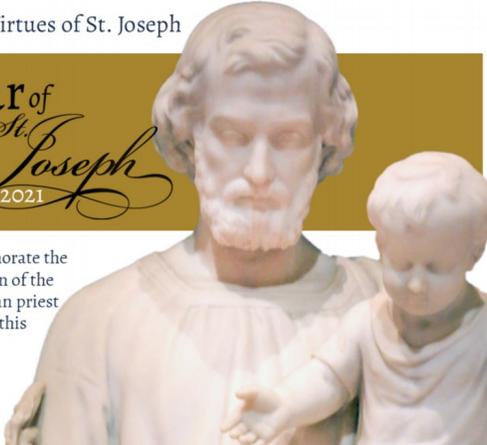
A Vincentian Approach to the Virtues of St. Joseph

Honoring and commemorating the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church

The Year of St. Joseph 2021

Join us every Friday in March to commemorate the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph, the Patron of the Universal Church. Each week, a Vincentian priest will delve into the life and personhood of this saint.

4 Fridays:
March 5, March 12, March 19, March 26
7:30-8:30 p.m. via Zoom



Feast of St Joseph March 19

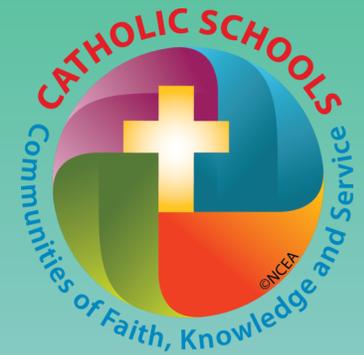
Pope Francis proclaimed 2021 the Year of St Joseph.

St. Joseph, the Just Man	March 5
St. Joseph, the Faithful Man	March 12
St. Joseph, the Worker	March 19
St. Joseph, the Dreamer	March 26

Register at [MiraculousMedal.org/events/StJoe2021](https://www.MiraculousMedal.org/events/StJoe2021)

U.S. Bishops' Education Chairman Applauds Bipartisan Legislation Honoring Contributions of Catholic Schools

[\(read more here\)](#)



United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has published a [calendar of daily reflections](#) and other resources to enrich the Lenten experience this year. This year's USCCB Lenten theme is: Reflect. Repent. Restore. The USCCB has also published a [short video](#) of three ways to draw closer to God during this Lenten season.



The Daughters of Isabella, St. Anne's Circle, invite you to their annual Lenten Morning of Reflection. Enjoy Fr. Ronnie's presentation ["Being a Christian: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving."](#)

Lent is here, and Fr. Mike Schmitz has some advice on picking a ["thing for Lent"](#) this year!



How do you stay connected? Share your website, Facebook, Twitter, or other ways you keep your branch informed.



BRANCH NEWS:

Branch Happenings



St. Stanislaus had a small success with a mostly Bake-less Bake Sale. Cecilia made some pies and sold them. They want to try again by taking orders for baked goods.

Caterina Bertolotti passed away November 13, 2020. She was 104 years old, their oldest member. Her two daughters, Marie and Patty, took great care of her the last few years.

Ermelinda Zamora lost her mother November 26, 2020. Ermelinda and all her family are ICF members.

St. Bernard's hosted a walk-up dinner on November 19th. The menu was Italian roast chicken, pesto pasta, green beans, salad, bread roll, and a cookie. We mailed post cards to all our members, and they called in reservations, just like it was one of our monthly dinners. We also put notices in the church bulletin and local newspaper. Price was \$15.00 each. We sold just over 200 dinners.

It was easier than our regular meetings; no tables and chairs to set up and way less mess. We did away with security, since no alcohol was served. We had helped serve at the church drive up dinner at the festival in September. We felt walk-up was better for our members. We had helpers on hand to carry dinners out to their car, if they were unable to walk up. Mike Bacchetti was our chef. Wow, it was the best chicken ever. We got many compliments on it.

All went very well and was kind of fun. Many members were happy to see us after such a long time away. Even our Central Council member Rose Jarret was there to buy a great Italian meal and visit a little with us. Masks and gloves and no hugs, but the love was still there. You can't mask that.



ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

Celebrating Faith, Family and Heritage Since 1924

St. Anne's Branch 82

Italian Meal to go from

De Vinci's

Established 1979

Delicatessen & Catering

Available at Lodi, Stockton, Linden, and Valley Springs locations.

Choice of pasta (6 oz.), piece of chicken, small salad, and focaccia.

Pick up between March 13 - 27, 2021

\$12

Tickets available from any member, at the parish office, by email at ICFstanne@gmail.com, or by calling Patty at 329-9325

Chicken Cacciatore and Polenta



With Bread Roll, Salad, and Dessert



Cost is \$15 per dinner

Mike Bacchetti and crew are cooking

The Italian Catholic Federation, Branch 390 is providing walk-up dinners at St Bernard's Church at 165 W. Eaton Ave (Father Fleming Hall) on Thursday, February 25th from 5:30 to 7 pm. Make your reservations by February 22nd by calling: Annette at 209-832-3252 or Steve at 209-836-3779

A message from our President, Robert Pachinger



As you will guess, last year's District officers have agreed to stay on in their positions for this year. Thank you all for your dedication. Hopefully, we can get some work done this year.

Last year ended with Christmas and New Year's celebrations relatively quiet, as all were encouraged not to attend large gatherings. With four children in the house, there is never a quiet time here! Despite the pandemic, there is still activity occurring. Various branches continue to have fundraisers. Others have not been able to have any fundraiser. Our Branch 413 in Angels Camp has been very quiet. Even if we could have a drive by event, the members doing the work are those categorized as vulnerable to the pandemic. Instead, we communicate with each other and try to keep supporting our parish and pastor. In regards to our pastor, you may remember that we raffled him off at our last event (our Valentine's Dinner Dance). It is hard to believe that we are approaching a year since the event. What we actually raffled, to the highest bidder, was a dinner cooked by our pastor, Father John Paul Pasala. He cooked the dinner and raised \$1,600 for the Bishop's Burse.

All of that was just a preamble for my real address. Since the pandemic has everyone locked up and not doing anything, I can write some long dissertation, and you have time to read it. The problem is that I do not really have time to write it, as I am busy at work and at home.

If we were having our meeting, this is what I would say to all of you:

- * Happy New Year
- * Please remember to look at the ICF Website for current information.
- * Please remember to send in the dues.
- * Remember to send in funds, stubs, and unsold calendars.
- * I am attending a virtual meeting on Task Force on Saturday, February 6th.
- * The ICF is organizing a Valentine's Virtual gathering on February 12th. Branch Presidents are being notified so that the word is sent to all. All are invited.
- * I attended the virtual Christmas Party. I won a few prizes for ornaments, etc. This was fun. I won a \$50 gift certificate and an apron. Here is the ornament that won. It is a nativity from Nicaragua (where my parents are from).
- * I am sure that there is more, but I do not remember.



We need to start planning for the next Bishop's Burse. It was going to be held at St. Luke's last year. Since they could not do it, our branch volunteered to have the event in Angels Camp. Do you wish to have it here late in the year? Please provide thoughts.

I miss my conversations with all of you. I miss seeing you. Do not give up. Do not give up on the ICF. God has a reason that we are here in this time. We must continue to support the parish and priest.

I do not wish to end with a sad note; however, I cannot fail to acknowledge that we lost a dear friend in December. You may know that Danette Curtis from St. Luke's was taken from us by Covid19. She is home with the Lord. We are left behind still being tested and molded. She was one of the sweetest persons that I have ever met. I will always remember the smile on her face whenever she greeted me. I know that she was like that with all. May she rest in peace. We could not be together for a Mass with her; otherwise, we would have been together as we said our farewell. Please pray for her and her family. From our ritual:

Farewell to a Member

We are gathered here to pay our respects to our Sister, Danette, who has been a part of all of us. We have shared many things together, just by sharing life. For this you shall be remembered. Your presence is gone, but your spirit and memory will live in our hearts and prayers.

Sister, you have professed your faith under the banner of the Italian Catholic Federation Branch 138 and for you it is not the end but the beginning of a new life. You now rest in the sleep of peace for all eternity.

We now call upon our Patron Saints, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton to lead you by the hand to our Creator for your eternal reward. May your soul and the souls of all our departed members, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

We, the officers and members of the Stockton District of the Italian Catholic Federation bid you farewell.

Thank you and be safe.



ICF SCHOLARSHIPS
DEADLINE MARCH 15, 2021
[SEE REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATIONS HERE](#)

ITALIAN LESSON:
St. Valentine's Day = La Festa degli Innamorati
(Feast of Lovers)



BRANCH NEWS:

Meet Your New Branch President and Treasurer *Each month we will feature a different office.*

Branch 82 St. Anne's, Lodi

President Patty Litts: This half Polish, half Italian...ok, ma...half Tyrolian, hails originally from Eastern PA, settling in Lodi, after living on several bases as an Air Force wife. My time is spent professionally teaching students with special needs, spiritually feeding my soul with the grace of God through St. Anne's Church, and personally spending as much time as possible with my 3 grandchildren. I became aware of the ICF while my son was applying for college scholarships; he was awarded an ICF scholarship from a Stockton branch. When the Fugazis were recruiting members to re-establish Br. 82, I joined immediately. I wanted to pay it forward. After serving as secretary for 2 years, I'm very excited to cross over into the position of president, working closely with the district and Central Council, to guide our branch through 2021.



Treasurer Elisa Moberly: Like the ICF, my mother was born in Little Italy in San Francisco in 1924. In 1948 a family friend invited her to double-date when her new brother-in-law came to visit. She thought he was "full of himself," and she offered her hand instead of a kiss goodnight. 5 months later they married at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in North Beach. After 11 years they adopted my sister, and almost two years later, they adopted me. We moved from "the City" to Stockton shortly after I turned 10. In those days I was painfully shy, rarely even talking to my friends. No one believes that now, which proves you can't keep an Italian from talking, especially with the hands.

In 1988 I married Ray Moberly, a dad of two small boys. We soon added a girl and another boy. After 22 years I lost him to cancer. We now have two beautiful grandsons, Jordan in Missouri (too far!) and Vincenzo in Clements. I spent 21 years working for San Joaquin County, first doing property taxes and then waste diversion, a lot of numbers for an English major! I retired early four years ago, filling my time now with volunteer work at St. Anne's and in the Lodi community. I considered myself a parishioner for over 25 years, but getting involved truly made me feel like it's my church.

When our branch of the ICF re-established, I eagerly joined. I attended the convention in Tucson, where the wonderful people from our district took me under their wings. They taught me not only about the convention but about the importance of working together as a district. When asked to take the office of District Recording Secretary, I couldn't say no. I hope these quarterly newsletters help us to know each other and support each other.



"Mass cannot simply be "listened to": it is also an incorrect expression, "I am going to listen to Mass". Mass cannot merely be listened to, as if we were just spectators of something that slips away without our involvement. Mass is always celebrated, and not only by the priest who presides it, but by all Christians who experience it. And the center is Christ! All of us, in the diversity of gifts and ministries, join in His action, because He, Christ, is the Protagonist of the liturgy."
Pope Francis

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Courtesy of Crockett, San Carlo, Br. 14 from the January Bollettino

IN 2021, I WILL....

- 1) Offer to drive another ICF member to and from monthly meetings if they don't drive or don't drive in the dark.
- 2) Buy an ICF Calendar.
- 3) Attend at least 5 monthly meetings.
- 4) Invite and encourage someone to become a branch member.
- 5) Attend Mass before each of our monthly meetings.
- 6) Volunteer to help with at least 1 ICF meeting, project, or event.
- 7) Donate a prize/cash for one of our raffles or bingo.
- 8) Run for one of the officer positions (Really, we'd love to have you!)
- 9) Step up to be one of our Convention Delegates. And most importantly:
- 10) Show grace and patience in my interactions with others during difficult times. We also ask that you reach out to all our members who may be sick or in mourning. Simple cards, phone calls, and prayers mean the world to those in need.

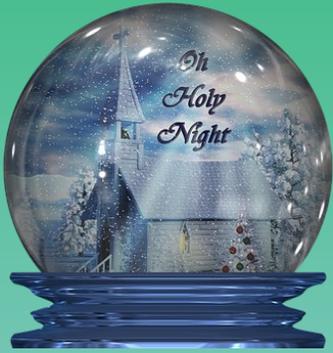


Buon Natale

Michelle Harmon, St. Anthony's: We were fortunate enough to go to San Jose to be with our son, Matthew, daughter-in-law, Jessica, and our two grandsons. We spent the day in their back yard. At one point Anderson was on the swing and kept yelling for Grandpa to come out and watch him. Grandpa didn't hear him, so Anderson asked Alexander to tell Grandpa. Alexander's response was, "I'm busy." Matthew prepared a smoked turkey and Jessica fixed yummy sides. Here are pictures of the little ones!



Alexander Harmon 8,
Anderson Harmon 6



Stella, Halcyon, & Callum Litts, the Christmas Crafting Bunch.
Patty Litts, St. Anne's



"I like this one, Daddy."

Vincenzo Moberly (21 months) opening gifts with his Zia, Amanda Moberly.
Elisa Moberly, St. Anne's



The Pachinger Familia,
St. Patrick's



Pat Beglau, Presentation: My original name is Pierina Teresi. I'm from Trabia, Sicilia. I immigrated to the US with my mother and my older sister in 1951 when I was only 2. Mama told me that we almost were not allowed to come to America. There was this man in our village who spoke with immigration, convincing them to let us leave. We traveled on board the ship "Conte Blancamano" in steerage, of course.

My mother told me several stories of what happened to me while crossing the Atlantic. I once went missing for some time. My mother and all who were looking for me thought I had fallen overboard. They finally found me in the officers' quarters sitting on someone's lap and eating candy. Another time I got into a batch of cherries. I ended swallowing the pits, too. I became so sick that I was listless. My mom was very worried, so she turned me over to a group of nuns also traveling to the US. After about 3 days the nuns nursed me back to health and sent me back to Mama. My mother was always trying to locate me. I think I gave Mama gray hair before her time. We came through Ellis Island, arriving on June 21, 1951.

My mom, my sister, and I took a train to California. We did not have much money left, and we were hungry. A very kind man on board the train gave Mama a lot of oranges for us to eat. He was concerned for me and my sister, Rosalie. I was getting somewhat lethargic from lack of food.

When we landed in Lodi, California, my father was there waiting for us to arrive. My father came to this country about a year before we did. His side of the family was here. My mother's side of the family still resides in Trabia.

I became an American citizen in 1979. I was proud when I got my citizenship papers. I changed my name to Patricia when I was naturalized, but I kept my given name as my middle name. I used my married name, Beglau, even after I divorced. What an experience that was to become an American citizen when I already spoke English with no accent. I did not learn enough Italian to speak the language well. My mother spoke only Sicilian when we arrived, and she insisted my sister and I spoke in English so that she could learn from us.

I recently looked up our names on the Ellis Island list of immigrants. Ellis Island workers messed up the spelling of my mother's name and my sister's name, but they spelled my name correctly. I found the name of our ship and the manifest with all our names on it spelled correctly.

Steve Ridolfi, St. Bernard's

My Italian family comes from a small village in Tuscany called Cappella. The home is still standing but abandoned. It is a two-story structure with a small chapel attached though there was a church close by. My great-great Grandfather Luigi Ridolfi was an Italian Bersagliere, which is an elite rifleman in the Italian army. My great grandfather Corrado Ridolfi and his wife Emilia raised 7 children including my grandfather Idamo Ridolfi. Idamo came to the United State in 1907 because there wasn't enough work or food for everyone. He was sponsored by my Grandmother's father Louis Cortopassi who lived in Colfax, California, where he met my Grandmother Ida. They raised 7 children which included my father Dante. Dante later worked for the Railroad building tunnels in Redding where he met my mother Goldie. After serving in the Marines in WW II they settled in Tracy, where I was born, and I am still here in Tracy. Met my wife Anita Noceti at Delta College, who is also an Italian descendant. Her Italian family are from the Genoa area. We have 3 married children with 11 grandchildren. We have been back to Italy twice and visited some of my cousin in Tuscany. We are proud of our Italian heritage and enjoy being part of the Italian Catholic Federation.



Luigi Ridolfi



Corrado & Emilia Ridolfi



Idamo & Ida Ridolfi



Dante & Goldie Ridolfi



Stephen & Anita Ridolfi



Dante Ridolfi in Cappella, Italy



Church at Cappella

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

Terni, Italy. February 2020. Valentine's Day. The relics of the saint are stolen in procession through the streets of the city. Valentine's Day celebration, bishop and patron of the city of Terni.



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CARNEVALE



Venice



Venice Carnevale is Italy's top Carnival, or Mardi Gras, celebration. Carnevale season lasts about two weeks, culminating on the day of Carnival (called *Martedì Grasso*, or Fat Tuesday). The weekend before Fat Tuesday usually sees the most parties and events, but during all of Carnevale season, the city of Venice is abuzz with costumed characters, street performers, scheduled concerts and entertainment, boat parades, and food stalls. In addition to the regular **Carnevale Venezia** program, on Valentine's Day there are special events to combine the masked Carnival festivities with romance. The morning begins with a Love Market in Piazzale Santan Maria Elisabetta and the evening ends with a Lido in Love party. Couples can take selfies in special Carnival themed areas and partake in paired Venetian mask parades. There is always the option to take a quintessentially Venetian gondola ride near the Bridge of Sighs!

Check out Trip Savvy for more information and great photos of Italian festivals.