



## Italian Catholic Federation Branch 191 NEWSLETTER - February, 2021

### Dates to Remember

<b>February 12, 2021</b>	<b>Lincoln's Birthday</b>
<b>February 14, 2021</b>	<b>Valentine's Day</b>
<b>February 15, 2021</b>	<b>President's Day</b>
<b>February 17, 2021</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
<b>February 22, 2021</b>	<b>Washington's Birthday</b>
<b>February 24, 2021</b>	<b>ZOOM GENERAL MEETING 6-30 PM</b>
<b>March 3, 2021</b>	<b>Blue Rock Fundraiser.</b>
<b>March 17, 2021</b>	<b>St. Patrick's Day</b>
<b>March 22, 2021</b>	<b>Last Day Lily Fundraiser</b>

### February Festivals/Holiday Events in Italy

- 1 Carnevale - Carnival in Italy: Most popular festival in Italy; comes 40 days before Easter .
- 2 Festa del Fiore del Mandorlo - Almont Blossom Festival. First & second Sunday in February. 
3. Valentine's Day, February 14 - Lovers give keys instead of flowers & candy.
- 4 Festival della canzone Italiana - San Remo Song Festival a hugh five-night competition amongst I Italian singers.
- 5 St. Biagio Day -saint of the throat - celebrated with parades, music, a special Mas or bonfires.

More information on Italian holidays at <https://www.tripsavvy.com/february-eents-italy-4157719>

### President's Message

February is a special time to show how much we love each other. With so many material ways to show that love, we need to come back to the basics. We need to show each other kindness, compassion, honesty, patience and laughter. Nothing brings a smile to someone's heart than laughter. Call someone and tell them a joke to make them smile. It will bring you joy and your friend joy. Material things are great but doing a kind deed will go so much farther. With all this craziness going on right now a kind deed, a good joke, a phone call, a note will say that you are loved.

Growing up my mom would have us make our own Valentine cards for our friends and our Grandparents. No store bought cards for us. To our Grandparents it was the greatest act of kindness. When my grandmother passed away some 32 years ago we found those cards in her drawers, that's how much they meant to her. Of course we also found drawers of tissue paper. Why?? We are still trying to figure it out! LOL

I know there is a special love that our ICF family shares with each other and that's our faith. It's a bond so strong and unshakeable. Our love to help each other and even those we don't know is so remarkable. We are so willing to help the homeless, the hungry and the less fortunate and that love is what Jesus asked of us!

Happy Valentine Day!  
We Got This! Hugs

Your President

Debbie





## SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIME for all eligible graduating high school seniors.: Applications are now available on the ICF website at <http://www.icf.org> . Applications must be completed by March 15, 2021.. If you have any questions contact Jo Bertaccini at (408) 266-7364. Please encourage your children, grandchildren or any relative or friend who is eligible to apply. If you have any questions, contact me at (408) 266-7364.

Jo Bertaccini

## FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING VIA ZOOM FEBRUARY 24 @ 6:30 PM

We will be having a Zoom General Meeting February 24th at 6:30 PM. Come join us for some fun. There will be games, prizes and story sharing. If anyone would like to share how they met their love one, Let me know. Photos or something special momentos can share with each other. . It would be fun to know how you all meet and shared your lives together. We would love to see every one join us for this fun night.

**I will send out a Zoom link the weekend before the 24th.**



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# FUNDRAISER

- Blue Rock dinner fundraisers on March 3rd. Enjoy a night off from cooking and doing dishes! Flyer attached with more information.
- We will also be selling Easter Lilies. Mail your order to Jo Bertaccini  
More information on attached flyer.



What did the boy pickle say to the girl pickle??

How did the phone propose to his girlfriend??

What did one lightbulb say to the other??



You mean a great DILL to me!!  
He gave her a ring!!  
I love you a whole Watt!

San Valentino



Biglietto d'auguri di san Valentino, circa 1910

Nome originale	San Valentino
Tipo	religiosa, internazionale
Data	14 febbraio
Celebrata in	Europa, America e Oriente
Religione	Cattolica Romana
Tradizioni profane	Scambio di auguri e doni fra innamorati
Data d'istituzione	Medioevo
Altri nomi	Festa degli innamorati

## HERITAGE

Valentine's Day in Italy is know as

“La Festa Degli Innamorati”.

To find out more, Google that!

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK MEMBERS

May God comfort all ICF members who are ill



Thank you,  
Julie Midwin