

Italian Catholic Federation Branch 191
NEWSLETTER, May, 2021



Dates to Remember

May 13, 2021 Ascension of Our Lord

May 31, 2021 Memorial Day

June 20, 2021 Father's Day

President's Message,

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there that have made our lives what they are today! Without our moms we would not be the caring and compassionate people we are! I asked my three year old class "what does your mommy do for you?" Most of the answers were that she cooks them dinner and chocolate chip pancakes but there were many that said that their mommy's love them and gives them hugs and kisses. That's exactly what our moms do, love us and give us hugs no matter what crazy thing we get ourselves into.

My mom raised 8 kids and she raised us to be caring and loving adults. She raised us to give back ,because so many give to us as we were growing up. She raised us to love God, family and ourselves! My mom was tough, because she loved us and wanted us to be a happy loving family. We all got along and never fought over who was going to use the main bathroom in the morning. With 8 kids that could be a challenge, but my mom said if you don't get along and figure it out, no one will use that bathroom. Yikes, we figured it out real quick! She would not tolerate us not getting along. Like my Dad always said " If Mommy is not happy, nobody is happy". We made sure she was Happy!!! LOL

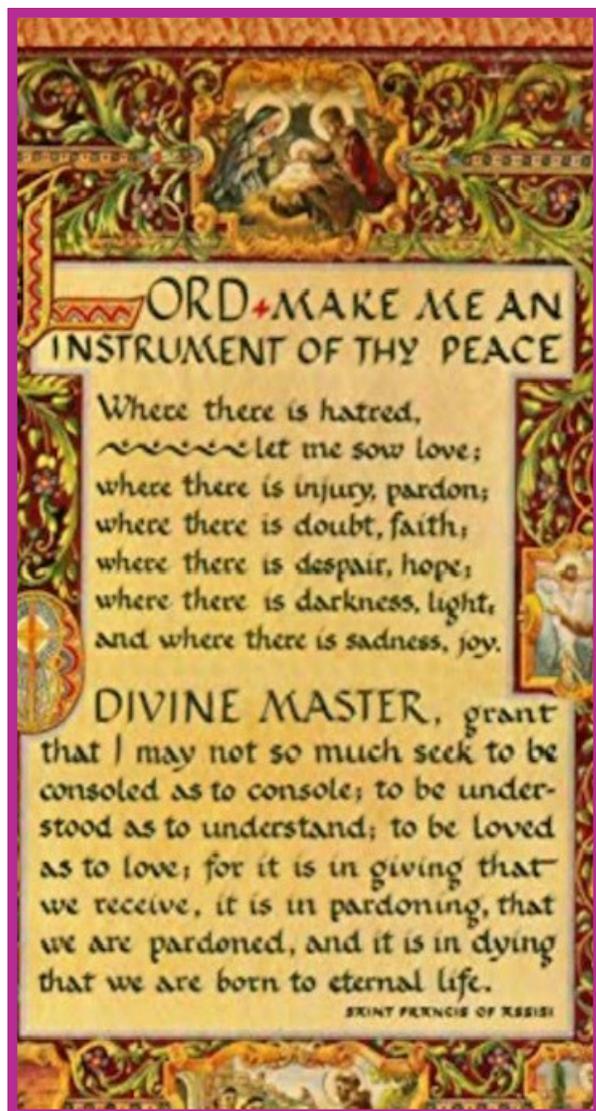
Thank You Jim Jones and family for making the boxes and the cookies for our Mother's Day Cookie Fundraiser. Without your help it would not have been the success it was. Thank you for taking the time from your work day to make the cookies. It is very much appreciated. Thank You!

Thank You to everyone who has come up with the ideas for our fundraisers, headed-up the fundraiser, made deliveries, organized the order forms, picked up stuff, counted the money, made deposits, planted, watered, picked up meals, made phone calls , **I thank you!** With all of your help our branch is alive and well! You are all AMAZING!

WE GOT THIS!

Your President

Debbie





COOKIE FUNDRAISER

Our Mother's Day Cookie Fundraiser was a HUGE success thanks to everyone who bought our yummy cookies. A big shout out to the Jones family for making the boxes and baking dozens and dozens of cookies!

BOCCE COURT NEWS

I am happy to announced the Bocce Courts have been worked on by Dave Citrigno and a crew from the ICF and Men's Club. They worked on the courts several Saturdays. I sincerely want to thank them on behalf of Branch 191 for all their hard work . The courts are shaping up beautifully. I would like to thank Jim Jones for purchasing the coffee, donuts and water for the crew. THANKS!

I am praying that we might be able to have a gathering in July on a Thursday evening.

God Bless
Jo Bertaccini -



CONVENTION 2021

Our Annual ICF Convention is a go so far. We will know more on June 15 when the final decision will be made.

CONVENTION RAFFLE TICKETS

George Midwin will be sending out the raffle tickets next week so look out for them in your mail. We get \$10.00 for every book sold. Easy way to make extra money and a chance to win some nice prizes.

2021 BUDGET

The budget for the remainder of the year is being sent to all members. The membership needs to approve the budget. Cast your vote by calling or texting me.

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK MEMBERS

Please pray for sick members. May God watch over all ICF members during their times of trial.

Julie Midwin



HERITAGE Tony Spagnolo

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

At every meeting we say Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton pray for us. Who was she? Why was she recognized as a Saint?

Elizabeth Ann Bayley was born on Aug. 28, 1774 in New York City. Her father was a physician and her mother was an Episcopal minister, She was raised in the Protestant Episcopal faith.

At the age of sixteen she left home and went to live with an aunt on Staten Island. Her mother died and her new step mother was hostile toward her and she would go out in the fields and lay on the ground and look at the sky and say Lord why? In 1794 Elizabeth married William Seton a wealthy shipping merchant. They lived in a fashionable Wall Street home. They had five children. Her husband contracted Tuberculosis and she went back to the Episcopal church to worship. Her prayers were unanswered and her five children also came down with Tuberculosis. Soon another disaster struck, not only was her husband dying, his business had failed and he had to declare bankruptcy.

Before he died, he wanted to go to Italy to visit an old business partner Antonio Filicchi. The Filicchi 's were a very religious family and she was impressed at the way they worshipped God in the Catholic church. After her husbands death in Italy she found herself praying in the Catholic church along with the Filicchi family. She announced that on her return to the United States she wanted to convert to the Catholic Religion.

In 1805 Elizabeth became a Catholic and after receiving her Eucharist she said "At last God is mine and I am his, let all go for I have received him" One day the Bishop of Baltimore and two priest from Boston asked Elizabeth if she would establish a religious community. With Gods help she was prepared to follow her spiritual direction.

In 1809 Elizabeth pronounced her vows of Chastity, Poverty and Obedience and was ordained a Catholic Nun and wore a religious habit. Mother Seton as she was called founded the Sisters of Charity. She also established the first Catholic School in the United States. IN 1814 she established an Orphan Asylum in Philadelphia.

She was the first person born in the United States to be recognized as a Saint by the Roman Catholic Church. She was canonized and declared a saint in 1975. She died January 4, 1821 from Tuberculosis. She always had a warm heart and friendly smile and on her death bed she said "Be children of the church and be children of God. Her feast day is Jan 4th. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton pray for us.



CONVENTION BOOK MEMORIAL PAGE

The Convention yearbook has a memorial page for your love ones, it's \$5 for each name and you can send your check to Aldine Grisenti 5142 Ishimatsu Place ,San Jose, CA 95124

Scholarship News

The graduating high school senior who received the \$400.00 first college scholarship from the ICF Branch 191 St. Frances Cabrini is ANGELA BIEZINS from La Reina High School in Thousand Oaks Ca. Congratulations! She will be attending Cal Poly .

Two eight grade scholarships will be awarded to two students from St. Frances Cabrini who will be attending a Catholic or Christian High School. There will be more information later. God Bless

JOKE CORNER

1. What do you give a sick lemon?
 2. Why did the bird go to the hospital?
 3. What kind of garden does a gardener have?
1. Lemon Aide
2. It needed Tweet ment.
3. A Flour- garden