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## Italian Catholic Federation Branch 191 NEWSLETTER August 2020



### Dates to Remember

- Aug. 15**      **Feast of the Assumption**  
Aug 11-12    Annual Perseid Meteor Shower  
Aug. 11        Son & Daughter  
Aug. 13        Left Handers' Day  
Aug. 19        National Potato Day  
Aug 22        Be an Angel Day  
Aug. 25        National Banana Split Day  
Aug. 27        National Forgiveness Day  
Aug. 29        International Bacon Day  
Aug. 31        National Eat Outside Day  
**Sept. 5**        **Convention via Zoom**  
More holidays on [www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/august.htm](http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/august.htm)

### PRAY FOR OUR SICK MEMBERS

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Msgr. Joseph J. Milani who went to his Heavenly reward on July 18, 2020. May He Rest In Peace.



Continue to pray for special intentions of our members.

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### President's Message

A big Hello to everyone, hope you are all staying healthy, washing those hands and wearing those masks when you need to go out!!!

I can't believe summer is almost over, it went so fast! I'm getting my classroom ready for the new school year that starts on the 17th. I'm not ready, I just started summer!!!! So since the last Newsletter we have had a Zoom board meeting and I feel it went really well. It was nice to see friendly faces again and hear what everyone has been up to. We came up with some fun things to do to keep our branch going strong.

We will be doing a Cactus sale August 30th, Julie Midwin has been keeping the cactus alive since January that we were going to use for table decoration in March, but of course that didn't happen. They are beautiful! Aldine and Esther will be doing a Raffle Basket sale in November. We all know how beautiful those will be.

Our ICF branch 191 is alive and well. We are putting an extra phone committee together so we can reach out to each and everyone of you. We want to hear from you all and know that you are doing well and if not, how can your ICF family help??

The Convention is going virtual this year, so look for information on that. It will be fun to have more members be involved in the convention. We can all be enlightened and refreshed instead of just the delegates.

Let's also take a moment and reflect on all the wonderful blessings Msgr. Joseph J. Milani has given our ICF.

As always, if you need anything please don't hesitate to call your President, ME!!! We all got this!

Your President

Debbie

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it's like the sunday of summer

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## Fun Facts of Italy:

1. The Wolf is Italy's national animal.
2. Italy is home to the only active volcanoes in Europe.
1. University of Bologna founded in 1088 is home to Europe's oldest University.
2. Italy has hosted the Olympics three times, 1956, 1960 and 2006.
3. Volleyball is a very popular sport in Italy.

Lunch Pantry  
SVDP is handling our \$25 gift cards to Safeway and other stores. If you would like to donate funds to this charity contact Jim Jones.

## HERITAGE CORNER

Italian and Chinese cuisines are favorites among many. Their tastes, textures and aromas appeal to people of all ages. However, unknown to most people are the commonalities in their dishes. Information on the how the food is similar can be found on the link below.

<https://msgdish.com/similarities-between-chinese-and-italian-cuisines/>

Tony Spagnola



## SUCCULENT/CACTUS PLANT SALE AUGUST 30, 10 AM

Julie Midwin planted about 25 pots of succulents and cactus that was to have been sold at the March dinner/dance. She will be selling these arrangements on August 30 beginning at 10 AM. Julie is also inviting members to purchase the arrangements ahead of the August 30 sale. Contact Julie to set a time to stop by.

## CONVENTION UPDATES

This year's convention on Saturday, September 5 will be Virtual. All are welcome. It starts at 11 AM with a Memorial Mass. There will be an open forum with Central Councils Officers and Committee Chairs at 2 PM. Many workshops are also scheduled. Please take this opportunity to watch what goes on at the conventions. Maybe next year you can attend in person since it will be in Santa Clara. More information on ICF.org under convention. Yearbooks can be purchased for \$25.

## Time to Save Lives! 9th Annual ICF Convention (Virtual) Blood Drive

Countless things have stopped due to COVID-19, but **the need for blood remains**. Many blood drives have been cancelled since March causing a severe blood shortage, so your individual donations matter now more than ever. For more information go to ICF.org and look under convention blood drive.

## STAYING CONNECTED

President's Request:

If you have an email could you please sent it to your President so she can sent out special request or fun informations or events coming up in our Branch. We would like to also set-up a Zoom general meeting so she would need emails to do that. So keep a look out for the link to that. Let's give it a try, it would be fun! Send to Debbie's email at [debpiro123@yahoo.com](mailto:debpiro123@yahoo.com).

## DO YOU HAVE A NEW PHONE NUMBER OR ADDRESS?

Please contact Mary Rossetto at 408-377-3488 so she can update the roster.

Novena For Our Nation August 15 - October 7  
<https://usgraceforce.com/were-going-in-novena-for-our-nation-august-15-october-7-3/>