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Community Spotlight

Each Month we will be Spotighting a person, place or thing within the community. Suggestions are welcome.

Stigmatine Father Robert White, pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Springfield, celebrates 50 years in the priesthood, 22 years here with Mt. Carmel and his 70th birthday.

He arrived at Mt Carmel Church, in Springfield back in 2001. Spending his earlier years growing in in the Eastern part of Mass (Malden, Boston) he had little if any knowledge of the Springfield area. "I didn't know a soul when I first got here. The first person I actually met and actually befriended me was Nick DeCesare. Father Russo took me golfing to get involved in the community and Nick welcomed me warmly and made me feel comfortable right away." As Father White came to know more and more parishioners and neighborhood residents, he found that they all shared the same open and welcoming character that Nick showed. Folks would come up to me after Mass and in the community and introduce themselves to me and offer to assist support in any way that was needed. "When I tell visiting priests to expect that interactions, they all look at me and that doesn't really happen, to which I assure them it really does. They are soon surprised as that very thing unfolds in front them and they marvel at the open embrace of the community.

During his early years father White as assigned to the Stigmatine offices in Rome. From that station he traveled to South Africa and witnessing Apartheid firsthand. Then on to Chile where he found himself in the middle of the attempted ouster of President Pinochet !

Recently he was honored at the opening of the Western Massachusetts Consulate of Italy Office at Monarch Place in Springfield, Monday, April 24. "We are thrilled to be able to present this letter which we decided to write on behalf of the Italian community," said Arnaldo Minuti, counsel general of Italy in the Boston office, who gave the letter to Father White. He thanked Father White for his dedication to the Italian-American community in Springfield. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish was built by Italian immigrants in 1907. "Father, I am sure to interpret the sentiment of the Italian-American community here in Springfield and I would like to acknowledge your presence and your service in the last 22 years to the Italian community, helping them, of course in the religious side of the soul, but not only in that part of people's lives, but in the service," Minuti said. "We are so honored Father White has been a spiritual leader in the Italian-American community. For many, many years, he was an advocate for Italian-Americans," said Springfield Mayor Sarno.

"The original immigrant community, and now the children and grandchildren of those original immigrants, maintain that relationship with Italy. Many return back there. They visit, they have family relationships. It's important culturally," Father White said. Father went on to say that "while many of the original Italian community have moved away, from the South End, many maintain ties to Mt.Carmel Church. They come back for christenings, baptisms, confirmations, weddings and funerals."

A Mass and celebration will be held for Father White's anniversary at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish May 28.

Truly a humble man providing leadership., spiritual guidance and support throughout the neighborhood and Italian community.



The ICC is now available to rent for your next function. If you are planning a baby or bridal shower, graduation party or special birthday, just to name a few, please consider the ICC.

Call us at 413-784-1492 and we will set up a time to meet with you to discuss your needs.

Never Trust a Skinny Italian

Have an old family recipe that Nonno or Nonna have from the "old country"? A traditional Italian recipe you made your own? Well share it with others, submit your recipe to ICCWM@comcast.net or mail it to ICCWM.

What You Need

- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 5 large tomatoes, cut into 1-inch chunks
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 (14-ounce) can artichoke hearts, drained, cut in half
- 1 (2.5-ounce) can sliced black olives, drained
- 1/4 cup sliced fresh basil
- 1 pound angel hair pasta

What to Do

1. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil; cook onion 5 minutes. Add tomatoes, garlic, salt, and pepper and cook 8 to 10 minutes, or until tomatoes are broken down, stirring occasionally. Add artichokes, olives, and basil and cook 3 to 5 minutes, or until heated through.
2. Meanwhile, in a large pot of boiling water, cook pasta 4 to 5 minutes, or until tender; drain. Place pasta on large platter, top with tomato mixture, and serve.

Notes

- Sprinkle with grated Parmesan cheese just before serving.
- Here's some warm and crusty garlic bread to sop up all the extra springtime goodness!

Italian Spring Fling Pasta



Mt. Carmel Parish News n' Notes

Sunday, May 28th – Pentacost – This Mass will be a celebration of Fr White for his Fiftieth Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. Please join he and his family at 10:30 a.m. for a concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. All are welcome to join after Mass in the Parish Center for coffee, pastry and friendship.

Saturday June 17th - Mt Carmel Wine Tasting Event - Fr. Paolo Bagattini presenting this event to benefit Stigmatine Philippine Mission. Tickets are \$20. Contact Joyce 413-566-2033 or Marie 413-567-7786.

This Month in Italian History

0452-06-08 Italy invaded by Attila the Hun

1859-06-04 Second Italian War of Independence: Battle of Magenta, results in a French-Sardinian victory under Napoleon III

1866-06-20 Italy declares war on Austria beginning the Third Italian War of Independence

2010-06-26 "American Beauty" actress Mena Suvari (31) weds concert producer Simone Sestito (25) at Santo Stefano degli Abissini in Vatican City, Italy

1920-06-05 1st rivet driven on Bank of Italy headquarters at 1 Powell in San Francisco (later Bank of America)

1938-06-19 FIFA World Cup Final, Stade Olympique de Colombes, Paris, France: Italy beats Hungary, 4-1

1946-06-02 Festa della Repubblica or Republic Day commemorates the 1946 institutional referendum. when Italians were called to vote and decide the form of their government after World War II.

Piccolo Negozio D'Italia (Little Shop of Italy)

Come visit our store at the ICC at 56 Margaret St. or **SOON -TO- BE online** at ICCWM.org

Interested in Becoming a member or renewing your Membership with ICCWM

Visit our website ICCWM.org, call or e-mail us and we will follow up.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Scholarship Award Nite – June 22nd (5:30-6 Social ~ 6-6:45 Dinner ~ 645-830 Awarding)
Storrowton Carriage House West Springfield, MA ~ Tickets for this event available for \$25(includes dinner)
Come and join in supporting the scholarships winners, their families and the Scholarship Sponsors whose generous donations make these scholarships available !!

Call 784-1492 or email iccwm@comcast.net for reservations. Deadline is June 17th.

Piano, Guitar & Voice Lessons !!!

Carol Adamski-Maggi is offering piano, guitar and voice lessons at the ICC. Carol is a professional musician for more than 20 years. She has over 14 years of teaching experience. Styles include popular, classical, Christian, pop-rock and easy listening. Carol also teaches Voice in Italian as well. Lessons start at \$35 for half an hour and \$60 for a full hour. Carol can be reached at 413.427.3022. Schedule your time today!!

Did you Know..

1. The Italian flag is green, white, and red, symbolizing hope, faith, and charity.
2. The Italian Island of Sardinia is one of five regions in the world to be called a Blue Zone. A Blue Zone is where a higher than usual number of people live much longer than average. The other 'Blue Zones' include Okinawa (Japan); Nicoya (Costa Rica); Icaria (Greece); and among the Seventh-day Adventists in Loma Linda, California.
3. The name 'Italy' ('Italia') most likely means 'calf land'. Originally it was spelled 'Vitalia', originating from the Latin 'vitulus', meaning 'a one-year-old calf'.
4. The first bank in the world started in Italy in 1149. The first real bank was created during the Middle Ages in Italy thanks to the fast expansion of the Maritime Republics. One of these was Genoa, where the Banco San Giorgio in Genoa was founded in 1149.
5. Italy has hosted the Olympic games three times in 1956, 1960, and 2006.

PRE- ORDER FORM

Pasta Fagiole

TAKE-OUT OR EAT IN

Saturday & Sunday

June 24 & 25

Noon to 5PM.



Pasta Fagiole for purchase will be held during the ICC Basket Raffle.

We recommend early pre-order as we sold last year !!

Deadline to Pre order is June 20th!

Number of bowls for Eat In @ \$6.00 _____

Number of Quarts for TAKE-OUT @ \$10.00 _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Clip this out to pre-order and mail with your checks to Italian Cultural Center 56 Margaret St Springfield MA 01105. We can also accept major credit and debit cards.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

BASKET RAFFLE

The ICC will be filled with gift baskets to be raffled off, and you could be a lucky winner. We'll be open both days to sell tickets from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM with the drawing held on Sunday, June 25.

We're looking for volunteers to donate pre-made baskets, or if you prefer, you can donate items and we'll make the basket for you. We're also looking for gift cards. If you can donate, call Maryanne Barbuti, Committee Chairperson at 413-733-0570. She will be happy to arrange pick-up for your donation.





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Also visit our WEBSITE: iccwm.org for the latest information on programs and events.
Submit event pictures or videos to ICCWM@comcast.net

Western Mass Office of the Italian Consulate

Western Mass residents no longer have to drive to Boston. Right here in downtown Springfield on the 25th floor of Monarch Place you can connect in person with staff that can assist you. The Italy Honorary Consulate is in Springfield, with Paul Christopher Picknelly serving as the Honorary Consul. The Honorary Consulate offers many services to the Italian Citizens or Nationalities in the United States, such as the Italian Passports (Travel document) renewal, attestation certificates, emergency certificates, etc.

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Executive Board Updates & Items

- **Membership Meeting June 6th at 6PM.** These meetings give all members an opportunity to have general discussions with the Board of Directors. In an effort to ensure open communication and a sharing of thoughts and ideas, members are encouraged to attend.
- *In person & Virtual Italian Language classes are being explored in collaboration with the UMass Italian Language Studies Dept and should be in place By September*
- *ICCWM Tax Filings are now current.*
- *ICCWM Mortgage has been re-negotiated and new mortgage in place and current.*
- *Financials are reconciled and in balance.*
- *Established an open and direct communication with The Western Mass Italian Consulate. Regular meetings being held to exchange ideas and projects, as well as exploring grants and funding.*
- *Completed the required documentation for \$20,000 Grant through the Mass Office of Travel & Tourism*
- *Exploring "Chatter Box" app for high school/college age kids between Western Mass cities and their Sister cities in Italy that will be accessed via our webpage.*
- *"Wall of Honor" Project – Working on digitizing all award plaques and create space on website for visitors to access and acknowledge all award and honor recipients.*
- *In the process of conducting an audit & inventory of our store, updating electronic payment system, setting up online/website portal to store.*
- *Secured Sponsorship of five \$1,000 and five \$500 scholarships for this year's Scholarship Awards.*

Welcoming new members

Riccardo & Raffaella Albano E.Long
Antonio Izzo, Longmeadow
Gina D'Amato, Belchertown

Richard Remillard Holyoke
Anthony Zalowski, Springfield
Anna Falcone, Springfield

Louis Ruggiero Jr. Holyoke
John Hurley, Agawam
Vincent Falcone, Springfield