



# Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc.



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## 2020 Membership Reminder

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By now you should have received your 2020 Membership Renewal Form for the Italian Cultural Center. If you have not done so, please complete and submit your membership renewal today. Please invite your friends and family to join also and, as always, children are very welcome. We have many new programs and events planned. There's something for everyone.

Membership forms are available on our website at [www.iccwm.org](http://www.iccwm.org), by calling the ICC at 413-784-1492 or emailing us at [ICCWM@comcast.net](mailto:ICCWM@comcast.net).

*The success of the ICC and its programs depends on your support.*

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A warm welcome to our returning members and our Benefactors, Patrons, and New Members listed below. We appreciate their support and hope to see them at some of our many activities. New members are encouraged to attend our quarterly membership meetings held the second Wednesday of September, December, March, and June, and take classes and volunteer their many talents.

Benefactors: Frank Colaccino; Dr. Anthony and Dawn Sarage and Family; George Tazzini, Sr.

Friends: Peter and Rene Gagliardi; Drs. Vincent and Lisa Mariano; Mayor Domenic and Carla Sarno and Family; John Tiboni

Patrons: Lucille Brindisi and Elizabeth Knowles; Peter Carando, Jr.; Marcia Capuano; Gabriel Cianflone; William and Jane Devlin; Sandra Dragone; Foca and Nancy Mangari; Joseph and Dawn Pasternak, III and Family; Paul Picknelly; Andrew Scibelli and Linda Melconian; James V. Spagnolo, Jr.

New Members: Nicola Albano; Rosemarie Costa; Paul and Jacklyn Dzierwinski; Paul Dzubek; Michael and Janet Eagan and Family, Louis Gentile; Jane Glushik; Jean Graziani; Irma Langone; David and Jennifer Lemieux and Family; Mary Ann Marzano; Patty Albano Murphy; Joseph Nigro; Robert A. Orlandi; Massimo and Sandra Ravelli; Carolyn Orlandi Roberts; Bernard Romani; Gina Rueli; Fortunata Russo; Jerro Settembre; James V. Spagnolo, Jr.; Heidi Vecchiarelli; Coleen Westberg

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# Attenzione! Attenzione!



2020 Friday Night at the Italian Cinema

## *LA MAFIA UCCIDE SOLO D'ESTATE* *(THE MAFIA ONLY KILLS IN THE SUMMER)* By Pierfrancesco "Pif" Diliberto (2013) In Italian with English Subtitles



*La Mafia Uccide Solo D'Estate*, is a clever child's eye view of what it was like for normal people living under the mafia's thumb in 1980's and 90's Palermo. Diliberto directed, starred in, and co-wrote this uniquely entertaining take on a very serious theme, the Mafia's killing spree that resulted in the deaths of judges, politicians, and police officers and reached fever pitch with the famous "Maxi-Trial".



The film's protagonist, young Arturo, hears the adults talking and knows that something's going on, but he's decided that Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti's got it covered and there's nothing to worry about. After all, none of the adults seem particularly concerned and "it's winter, and the Mafia only kills people in the summer". If this is just the story that adults tell their children to ease their fears, they seem to (at least want to) believe it too, along with other fantasies about the Mafia and Prime Minister Andreotti. It's easier and safer to believe that danger is Naples' problem, not theirs.

But as the violence escalates, Arturo, like the rest of Palermo, must face the truth, gather courage, and try to stand up to the mob. Diliberto's intertwining of actual footage from the era with the fictional characters really drives home the emotion and sadness of the situation in a very sweet way.

WHEN: Friday, March 6, 2020

WHERE: Italian Cultural Center  
56 Margaret St, Springfield, MA

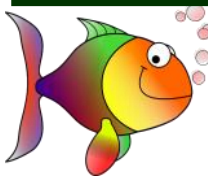
Doors Open at 6:00 pm—Film Begins at 6:30 pm

Suggested Donation: \$6 Non-Members, \$3 Members

Moviegoers Will Be Given a Choice of a Beverage and a Snack

For more information, please visit our website: <http://www.iccwm.org> or call at 413 784-1492

## FISH DINNER FRIDAY, MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>



The ICC is planning a Lenten fish dinner to be held on Friday, March 13 at 6:00 pm, at the ICC, 56 Margaret St, Springfield MA 01105. Seating is limited, so make your reservations early. Reservations are available now, and will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. The dinner price is \$18.00 for ICC members, \$21.00 for non-members and must be paid for in advance. Entertainment will be provided. Call Nancy today at 413-827-9350 to make your reservations. **Seating is limited, so please make your reservations early!**

Come dine with us, enjoy a delicious dinner and beautiful music provided by Luke Baillargeon. **Deadline for reservations is March 9, 2020.** Come join us!

## The Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc. Lecture Series



SUNDAY, MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>

### **LA TRANSAZIONE**

WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY LORA LEE ECOBELLI

*La Transazione (The Transaction)* is a 28-minute short, silent, black and white film about immigration. Set in 1893, it follows three Italian sisters at an Ellis Island inspection room who come to America for arranged marriages. The film strongly parallels the current immigration and humanitarian crisis. *La Transazione* is a true American story.

Unless you are a Native American, we all came from somewhere. Some came willingly and some through desperation or bondage. In revisiting our past, we get a glimpse of our future. *La Transazione* opens that door so we can understand the actions of our ancestors. The dreams and heartbreak that molded us. Whether it be cruelty and intolerance or racism and strife, sometimes the tiniest act of kindness can give us a momentary lifeline, helping us regain our purpose and our faith in humanity and ultimately shaping our ideals for future generations.

Powerful performances filled with humor and pathos and a stunning musical score by award winning composers Ellen and Roger Bruno tell this truly American story. The film is currently being submitted to film festivals around the world.

The film's composers, Springfield residents, Ellen and Roger Bruno, will be available for a discussion period following the screening of the film.

The cost for admission is \$5.00 for members and \$7.00 for non-members. Complimentary refreshments will be served. Doors open at 1:30 and the presentation begins at 2:00.

## SPRING CRAFT FAIR, TAG AND BAKE SALE



Mark the date—Saturday, May 30 for our first Craft Fair, Tag and Bake sale at the ICC. We will sell full size and half tables for vendors to sell their crafts and tag sale items. Vendor applications will be on our website shortly—at [www.iccwm.org](http://www.iccwm.org).



We also need folks to donate Italian baked goods that we can sell at the sale.

For more information and to sign up to donate baked goods, please contact the ICC at (413) 784-1492 and leave a message.

## Adult Italian Language Classes

Stay tuned for specific information about the Spring session in a future issue of *La Voce*. Classes will begin the first week of March.

All classes are from 6 pm -8 pm for 10 weeks and held at the Italian Cultural Center of Western Mass., 56 Margaret St, Springfield, MA.

For information call the ICC at (413) 784-1492 or email at [italianaticc@comcast.net](mailto:italianaticc@comcast.net).

## WE'RE GONNA MAKE YOU AN OFFER YOU CAN'T REFUSE!



Join us for a classic and fun mob movie event in March. We will show *The Godfather* I, II, and III on three successive Saturdays —March 14, 21, and 28 from 4:00—8:00 pm. The cost of admission is \$5.00 for members and \$8.00 for non-members and includes pizza and soft drink or water.

## Planning for 2020 Italian Heritage Month

We have started planning our 2020 Italian Heritage Month activities and we are now accepting nominations for Serviam Award recipients. The Serviam Award recognizes individuals of Italian ancestry who have significantly contributed to the community of Western Massachusetts. The recipient, who must be of Italian ethnic heritage, is someone who has devoted his or her life to the betterment of society through community service, and by exemplary works, has enhanced the communities in Western Massachusetts.

Nomination forms to be used to submit the name of an individual you feel is worthy of this prestigious award are available at the ICC or on our website at [www.iccwm.org](http://www.iccwm.org). Please submit nominations with documenting materials by May 3, 2020, to the Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc., c/o Serviam Committee, 56 Margaret St, Springfield, MA 01105.

## *The Italian Cultural Center Offers College Scholarships*

The Italian Cultural Center of Western Mass., Inc. is offering scholarships to High School Seniors that are pursuing higher education. The Italian Cultural Center Scholarships are open to high school seniors who are:

- Children of ICC members with a family membership, or
- Grandchildren of ICC members, or
- Children of non-ICC members who are of Italian descent, attending a high school in Western Massachusetts, and are sponsored by a member of the ICC



One additional scholarship, the Dante Alighieri Scholarship, will be awarded to a student studying the Italian language.

Italian Cultural Center Scholarship applications are available on our website at [www.iccwm.org](http://www.iccwm.org), along with additional information on our scholarship program. **The application deadline is April 1, 2020.** If you are unable to acquire an application, please contact the scholarship committee at 413-784-1492 or at [iccscholarship@comcast.net](mailto:iccscholarship@comcast.net) with your name, address, and phone number. The ICC is also looking for additional scholarship donors so that more students could benefit from this program. If you would like to be a scholarship donor please contact us at [iccscholarship@comcast.net](mailto:iccscholarship@comcast.net).





A special thank you to Pauline Casey for generously donating book cases for our newly rebuilt library!

**Membership Meeting Reminder**  
**Wednesday, March 11**



The next general membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11, at 6:00 pm. It's important for you to come to the meetings to learn about what is going on at the ICC and to help plan for the future. Please attend meetings so you can share your ideas with the Executive Board and other members. It is only by working together that we can continue to promote and enjoy our Italian heritage.

## ICC DINNER RESERVATION POLICY REMINDER

We must strictly adhere to our rule that all dinner attendees must make their reservations and send payment to the ICC by the published deadline. Money and/or unplanned reservations will not be accepted at the door. This policy allows us to plan ahead to ensure that we have enough food, sufficient space for everyone, and no leftover unpaid dinners. We are sure that you can understand the need for this policy, and that no exceptions can be granted. Grazie.

## Cancellation Information



When Springfield public schools are closed due to bad weather, ICC meetings or dinners scheduled for that night will also be cancelled, and rescheduled for the same time on the following night. Students participating in ICC language classes will be notified by email. Also, be sure to watch WWLP, Channel 22, for weather cancellations.

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# Calendar of Events

***Movie Night, Friday, March 6, 6:00 pm***

***Membership Meeting, Wednesday, March 11, 6:00 pm***

***Fish Dinner, Friday, March 13, 6:00 pm***

***The Godfather Part I, Saturday, March 14, 4:00 pm***

***Lecture Series, Sunday, March 15, 2:00 pm***

***The Godfather Part II, March 21, 4:00 pm***

***The Godfather Part III, Saturday, March 28, 4:00 pm***

*The Mission of the Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc. is to promote Italian culture, traditions, heritage and the Italian language, through the sponsoring of social, culinary and educational events, and to foster appreciation and respect in the community for the rich contributions that Italians have made locally and throughout the world.*