

36TH ANNUAL STARK COUNTY ITALIAN AMERICAN FESTIVAL

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July 5, 6, 7, 2024



A Welcome From Our President

BENVENUTI A TUTTI!

We are excited to invite you to the 36th annual Stark County Italian American Festival! Every year we do our best to grow as a community by sharing our Italian heritage with each of you. Please invite family, friends, and neighbors to celebrate our roots. We hope to see you there!

Dominic J. Bagnoli, Jr.
2024 President & Festival Chairman

Join us! July 5, 6 & 7

Keeping traditions strong since 1986!

The Stark County Italian American Festival has been a staple event in our area for over 30 years. We're excited to bring another year of food, fun, heritage and more to Downtown Canton. We hope to see you there!

Festival Leadership

President- Dominic Bagnoli, Jr.

Vice President- Margaret DeLillo Storey

Treasurer- Matt Carona

Secretary- Angela Forchione

Top News

- New breakfast location!
- Larger Casino
- Fantastic Entertainment
- Two Stages
- 2024 Award Recipients
- And of course... Bocce!



Annual Dominic J. Bagnoli, Sr. Italian American Festival Awards Breakfast

When: Friday, July 5th, 9am
Location: Cultural Center For the Arts, Great Court
Address: 1001 Market Ave. N, Canton, OH 44702

Congratulations to our 2024 Scholarship Recipients

Recipient 1

Joseph Lattarulo- Jackson HS

Recipient 2

Sophia Lattarulo- Jackson HS

Recipient 3

Nolan Pastore- Lake HS

We are pleased to announce our 2024 Award Winners

Dedication

Robert J. Forchione & A. Jim Rossi III
 The Rossi Family Funeral Home

Recognition

Ron Serena

Volunteer Service

Rosa Forchione
 Cody Clark
 Justin Brady



Festival Dedication

We are pleased to dedicate the 36th Annual Stark County Italian American Festival to Robert J. Forchione & A. Jim Rossi III, Co-owners of the Rossi Family Funeral Home.

Robert J. Forchione & A. Jim Rossi III

The Rossi Family Funeral Home, a staple in Canton, Ohio and a supportive place for families in times of need, was founded by Adam Rossi, Sr. in 1924. Adam, Sr. emigrated from Italy, along with his six brothers, and opened various funeral homes in the area, one of which being the Canton location. From that point on, the business became well-known in the Italian community. Today, Rossi's is currently owned and operated by the third generation, Robert "Bob" Forchione and Adam "Jim" Rossi III. Together, Bob and Jim have exceeded more than just one generation's worth of work. For over 40 years, they have successfully managed to grow their family business year after year. Bob and Jim have aided Italian-American families in the Stark County area in the most unique way possible - by helping families navigate through some of life's most difficult challenges.

Fast forward to 2024, the Rossi Family Funeral Home is now celebrating its 100th anniversary. Not only has it been a productive business for an entire century, but it is also still a family-owned business to this day, as it continues on through four generations of family members. Although the list of business accomplishments is endless, what really stands out is Bob and Jim's innate ability to keep up with traditions in this ever-changing world. They keep their Italian ties close to heart, each of them teaching their own families to never forget their heritage.

Bob, a Canton native, is married to Teresa; they have three children Angela, Gino, and Rosa Forchione. They are members of St. Francis of Assisi Parish - St. Anthony Church. Jim, also of Canton, is married to Gigi; they have two children Carla (Craig) Rossi and Adam (Sarah) Rossi; and four grandchildren Louis, Bruno, Hannah, and Jack. They are members of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church. Bob, Jim, and the Rossi Family Funeral Home continue to leave a lasting legacy in the Italian-American community for generations to come.

TICKET ORDER FORM

Friday, July 5th - 9:00 AM

Number of Attendees _____ Tickets @ \$25.00

Full table (8 seats) _____ Total: \$200.00

Please include a self addressed, stamped envelope for ticket distribution.

Mail Form/Payment To: **FESTA BREAKFAST** - PO Box 9345 - Canton, OH 44711

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Total payment enclosed \$ _____

***Return completed form and payment by or before June 25th, 2024**

No walk-ins, reservations only



For questions or concerns, please contact **Assunta Bagnoli** at aabagnoli@gmail.com.

***If possible, please list the individual names of guests attending below.**



Bocce Tournament

All are welcome to play!

Men's Team (4 players)

- Entry Fee: \$40

Women's Team (4 players)

- Entry Fee: \$40

One Person Team

- Entry Fee: \$10

Cash prizes and bragging rights!

To enter, please fill out form below



Entertainment Schedule



Bocce Registration Form

4-Man Team - Team Name _____

Email _____ Phone Number _____

4-Woman Team - Team Name _____

Email _____ Phone Number _____

1 Person Challenge - Name _____

Email _____ Phone Number _____

Mail To: Steve Risaliti - Festa Bocce Chairman

Checks made out to **Canton Italian Festa Bocce**

140 Sixth St. NE- North Canton, OH 44720-2044

For questions or concerns, contact Steve at: risalitisteve@gmail.com

***Game time and additional information will be sent via email**

Friday

July 5th

9am: Awards Breakfast
(Cultural Center For the Arts, Great Court)

4pm: Festa Begins

5pm: Casino Opens

-Main Stage-

6pm: Aaron Caruso

8pm: Fool House: *The Ultimate 90s Dance Party*

Sponsored by Jerzee's Cafe

-Italian Stage-

7pm: The Valletta Band

11pm: Festa Closed

Saturday

July 6th

12pm: Festa Begins

1pm: Casino Opens

-Main Stage-

12pm: Tuscan Trio

4:30pm: Allegro Dance Company

6:30pm: Analisa & John

8:30pm: The Prince Project

Sponsored by Jerzee's Cafe

-Italian Stage-

3pm: I Campagnoli

6pm: Italian Dance Party

Featuring: *G4 Live Band and Cavalieri Reale*

9:30pm: Firework Display

Entertainment will resume after

11pm: Festa Closed

Sunday

July 7th

12pm: Festa Begins

1pm: Casino Opens

-Main Stage-

11am: Catholic Mass

Rev. Fr. Thomas Cebula as Celebrant

1:30pm: Goodfellas

5pm: E5C4P3: The Journey Tribute

-Italian Stage-

3pm: Le Fiamme

8pm: Festa Closed

Ciao, See You Next Year!





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Program Book Form

The Program Book features festival highlights and schedules, festival award recipients and informational materials. One highlight of the book each year is that we dedicate pages to list our Festival Patrons and honor deceased family members and friends. The cost is \$5 per entry.

Regular Patron Form Regular Listing for Program Book (Please Print Clearly)

1. _____
2. _____
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(\$5.00 per Name/Line Listing)

Purchased By:

Phone:

Address:

Cut Out and Return with Payment Check by:

June 20, 2024

(In order to meet Book PRINT Deadline)

Checks Payable To: Canton Italian Festa

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PO Box 9345

Canton, Ohio 44711

Memorial Patron Form Memorial Listing for Program Book (Please Print Clearly)

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It's filled with recipes from local Italian families!
To order online, visit **cantonitalianfesta.org**
*Will be sold at the 2024 Festival

For questions or concerns, please contact Assunta Bagnoli at
aabagnoli@gmail.com.

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Please contact:
Margaret DeLillo-Storey, Vendor Chairman
(330) 936-3057

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