



# Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc.



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## Calendar of Events

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- Membership Meeting, Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm*
- Lenten Fish Dinner, Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm*
- Membership Meeting, Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm*
- Donald Calvanese Book Presentation, April 11<sup>th</sup>*
- Cooking with the Frigo Family, Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>*
- Membership Meeting, Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm*
- John Stoffolano Book Presentation, May 9<sup>th</sup>*
- Ellis Island/Statue of Liberty Trip, Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>*
- Le Stelle d'Italia meets Tuesdays at 10:30am*

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**Special Notice:** Change in meeting time. Effective with our Membership Meeting on Wednesday, March 14, 2012, meeting time will be 6:00pm instead of 6:30pm.

### *First Annual Golf Tournament*



The Italian Cultural of Western Mass, Inc. is sponsoring its First Annual Golf Tournament. The tournament will take place at St. Anne Country Club, 781 Shoemaker Lane, Feeding Hills, MA. We are currently in the planning stages and you will see much more information to follow. So if you are a golfer mark this date on your calendar. Meantime, we are looking for volunteers to help out. If you would like to volunteer to work on the golf committee or help out the day of the tournament, please call the ICC at 413-784-1492 and leave a message. Someone will return your call.

**Save the Date:  
July 14, 2012**

**Weather  
Cancellations**

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.

The ICC is a Tax-Exempt 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Contributions to the ICC are tax deductible.

## Notizie ed Avvenimenti

### *The Italian Cultural Center Offers College Scholarships*

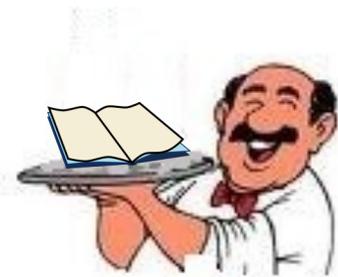
The Italian Cultural Center of Western Mass., Inc. is offering \$500 scholarships to High School Seniors of Italian descent that are pursuing higher education. Italian Heritage Scholarship applications are available in high school guidance department offices. The application deadline is April 15, 2012. If you are unable to acquire an application, please call Sandra Vella at 413-736-8502 with your name, address, and phone number. One scholarship, the Dante Alighieri Scholarship, will be awarded to a student studying the Italian language.

The ICC is also looking for additional scholarship sponsors/donors so that more students could benefit from this program. If you would like to sponsor a scholarship, please contact Sandra Vella.



## ICC Cookbook Planned

The ICC is continuing its efforts to produce a cookbook comprised of Italian recipes submitted by its members. However, the recipes are coming in ever so slowly. We were hoping to have an ICC cookbook published in time for Christmas 2011 but, at the rate recipes were submitted, that did not happen. We still need recipes! If you have any favorite Italian family dishes that may have been handed down through the years that you would like to see published, please send them in. We would love to have them as part of this first cookbook.



We're serving up a cookbook!

We will continue to collect recipes until we have a sufficient amount to produce a quality product. We were hoping to collect at least 200 recipes before we go to print. You may submit more than one recipe and they may be appetizers, main dishes, desserts, or any other dish you would like to share.

So, go through your recipes, pick your favorite and mail it to the Italian Cultural Center of Western Mass., Inc., 56 Margaret St, Springfield, MA 01105 or email us at [ICCWM@comcast.net](mailto:ICCWM@comcast.net). For your convenience, we have once again included a "recipe form" to make it easier for you to submit your recipes. A committee has been formed to create the cookbook and they will select the recipes to be included.



**Helping Hands Wanted:** We are looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen and with clean-up after ICC dinners. If you are interested in lending a hand, call the ICC at 413-784-1492 and tell us how you would like to help.

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### Statue of Liberty Trip Planned



The ICC is sponsoring a trip to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island on June 9, 2012.

Only \$65 p/p, Children \$60

To reserve your seats, please call

Joann Nichting at 413-783-1344.

Leave your name and phone number, you will receive a confirmation call.

All reservations must be made and paid for by  
May 14, 2012

book early – space limited

*Coach will depart from the ICC at 7:30 am*

*Coach will arrive back at approx. 11:00pm*



### *LeStelle d'Italia Sponsors Trip – Visit 'The Real Little Italy'*

What a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon. This section of Arthur Avenue in the Bronx is thriving and authentic as ever. Enjoy the day browsing, eating, and shopping at the dozens of Italian restaurants, produce stands, bakery and butcher shops and a covered retail area. You will be tempted to take some of the many delicacies home so bring a container so you can do so. We expect that this rare trip will fill quickly. The date is Sunday, May 6, 2012. Cost of \$30 includes the bus and driver's gratuity. Bus will leave the Italian Cultural Center at 7:30AM and return at 6:30PM.

For reservations or for more information call Jean at 594-5894 or Betty at 821-8797.

## 2012 Membership Reminder

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

By now you should have received your 2012 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 a lot of new programs and events planned. There's something for everyone. Membership forms are available by calling the cultural center at 413-784-1492 or email us at [ICCW@comcast.net](mailto:ICCW@comcast.net).



### **We have a Winner!**

ICC Member, John Moalli, won the 50/50 raffle prize of \$138.00 at a recent ICC dinner event. Congratulations John!

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### *Italiano per Ragazzi*

Students proudly display their certificates at the conclusion of the winter session of Italiano per Ragazzi.



### *Cooking with the Frigo Family*

Come join us for this special event to benefit the ICC. This event was so popular last year, we decided to do it again. Joe Frigo of Frigo's Specialty Food Shop and his staff will prepare a delectable dinner right in front of you. It's like watching the Food Network on TV, only better and more fun. You will see how each course is prepared and be served what is prepared that evening. You will also receive copies of recipes used for the evening's fare so you can recreate this magnificent meal at home. The event will take place on Friday, April 27, 2012, at 6:00pm at the Italian Cultural Center. Tickets are \$50. Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis and must be ordered in advance. To order tickets, call Rose Costa at 413-786-3205 by April 20.



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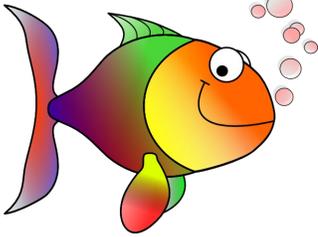
## ICCWM on Facebook

We are pleased to announce that our Facebook page is now live! Our Facebook page is a public page where we can share events and news, all about our Italian heritage and culture! Find out about our great ICCWM special events! Easily view links to past events and so much more! We are a work in progress, so come and join us in making it a great place to be! Please "Like" us at <https://www.facebook.com/ItalianCulturalCenterofWesternMassInc> and "Share" the word about the great things we do here at the ICCWM!

We also have a MEMBERS ONLY group on Facebook! With the members only group, you will be able to receive special INVITES to upcoming events and instant notifications to all changes or cancellations each event may incur! Just "Like" us on Facebook and we will add you to the Members Only Group! Or send us a message at [ICCWMFB@gmail.com](mailto:ICCWMFB@gmail.com) to find out how to join!

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## Lenten Fish Dinner – March 30



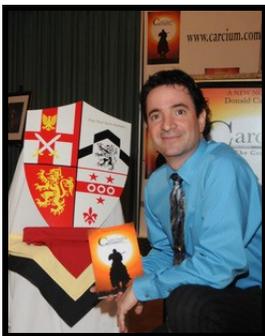
The ICC is planning a Lenten fish dinner to be held on Friday, March 30th, at 6:00 pm. Only 100 tickets will be sold, so get them early. Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis and must be purchased in advance. Tickets are \$15 for ICC members, \$18 for non-members and are available by calling Rose Costa at 413-786-3205. Tickets are on sale now! Come join us!

## Reserve Your Event

**RESERVE  
Now**

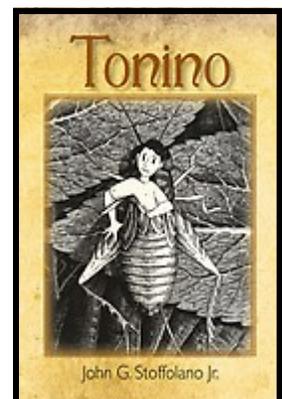
The ICC is now offering its facility for rent to “members” looking for a place to have a party. If you are planning a reunion, bridal shower, baby shower, baptismal party, a birthday, First Communion party, or anniversary, etc., contact us at 413-784-1492 or at [ICCWM@comcast.net](mailto:ICCWM@comcast.net) for more information.

meet the  
author



Come meet and listen to Donald Calvanese, a locally successful entrepreneur, restaurant owner, songwriter, writer and friend of the ICC talk about the first release of a trilogy he has written, “Carcium – The Conflict Begins”. Donald will speak after our scheduled monthly meeting on April 11th, 2012.

Come meet and listen to John Stoffolano Jr., a professor at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, talk about his book “Tonino”. “Tonino” is a tale about a half-boy, half-cricket from Boston's North End and a family of talking crickets. The story idea was sparked in part by a sabbatical he spent in Tuscany, Italy, where the author Carlo Collodi wrote the famous children's book "The Adventures of Pinocchio" featuring an animated puppet and a talking cricket. John will speak after our scheduled monthly meeting on May 9th, 2012.



# Italian Language Classes

## Adult Italian Language Classes

The next session for adult Italian language classes has been scheduled.

Beginner I and Beginner II level classes will be offered on Monday nights and will run from 3/26/12 through 5/14/12. An additional Beginner I class and an Intermediate level class will be offered on Tuesday nights and will run from 3/27/12 through 5/15/12. There will be no classes on 4/16 & 17 because of school vacations.

All classes are from 6-8 pm for 8 weeks and held at the Italian Cultural Center of Western Mass., Inc., 56 Margaret Street, Springfield, MA. Tuition cost is \$85 for ICC members and \$95 for non-members. The course book is available for \$20.00.

To register for classes, call the Italian Cultural Center of Western Mass., Inc. at 413-784-1492 or email us at [ICCWM@comcast.net](mailto:ICCWM@comcast.net). Leave your name, phone number, and state the class and level for which you are registering. Someone will contact you to confirm your registration.



## "Italiano per Ragazzi"

(Italian for Children)

The next session of Italian language classes for children will begin on March 3, 2012, and run for 5 weeks through March 31, 2012. All classes will be held on Saturday mornings. Beginner I classes will be from 9:00 - 10:00 am and Beginner II classes will be from 10:05 - 11:05 am. (Children must successfully complete 2 sessions of Beginner I in order to advance to Beginner II.) A course book will be required for Beginner II students at a minimal cost.

Classes are held at the Italian Cultural Center of Western Mass., Inc., 56 Margaret Street, Springfield, MA.

Children ages 6-12 can be registered by calling the ICC at 413-784-1492 or email us at [ICCWM@comcast.net](mailto:ICCWM@comcast.net). Tuition is \$10 for children whose *parent(s)* have a "Family Membership" and \$20 for children of non-member families. Classes will be offered on a first-come first-served basis. When calling the ICC to register, leave your name, phone number and the number of children that will take the class. Someone will contact you to discuss your child's registration.

## Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc.

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