



Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc.



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-- Raffle Tickets --

Don't forget to send in your money and raffle ticket stubs for the Benefit Raffle. The drawing will be held at our Christmas Party on December 8 at the Italian Cultural Center. If you want more tickets to buy or sell, please call Marcia at 413-786-5506. Winners do not need to be present.



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Come to our Christmas Party



Bring your Christmas spirit and join us for our Annual Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 8 at 6:00 pm at the newly renovated Italian Cultural Center at 56 Margaret Street, Springfield. The cost for dinner and live entertainment is only \$40.00 for members and \$45.00 for non-members.

Chef Joe Sapelli will prepare a surf and turf dinner consisting of Baked Stuff Shrimp and Prime Rib.

Reservations are available now, and will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Limited seating is available, so make your reservations early. Call Jill today at 413-244-0526 to make your reservations.

Deadline for reservations is December 1. Come join us!



TOMBOLA (ITALIAN BINGO) AND POTLUCK DINNER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH



We are excited to have our second Tombola Game Event at the ICC on Sunday, December 16th at 12:00 Noon. We have purchased a Tombola game directly from Italy and would like everyone to come and learn how to play. It is really fun and simple and very much like Bingo. Last year's Tombola event was a huge success and everyone had a fun time.

We would like to repeat what we did last year, so we are asking everyone to bring a dish to share for a Potluck lunch before the games begin. The ICC will provide the entrée of Eggplant Parmigiana.

If your last name begins with A—M, please bring a side dish.

If your last name begins with N—Z, please bring a dessert.

If you choose not to bring a food dish, we ask for a \$10 donation at the door.

We will eat at 12 noon and then let the Tombola fun begin at 1:00 pm.

Tombola cards will be sold for \$10 each. You can play the same card all day and we will play several rounds of the game throughout the event for fun prizes.



Grand Reopening Reception

Biscotti Making Class

Genealogy for Beginners

Please note that the Italian movie scheduled for November 2nd has been cancelled because our building is not quite ready yet. We look forward to restarting our Friday Night at the Italian Cinema series in the spring!



Cookbooks make great gifts!



The Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc. is proud of its very own "homemade" cookbook, *Mangia! Ci fa bene!* It is a delightful cookbook with over 160 tried and tested family recipes contributed by our members and friends, many of which have been prepared for generations. You will find many of your favorite Italian dishes, as well as other recipes that are not so well known, but delicious! The recipes are divided into categories to help you find a great dish that will suit a special occasion, or delectable entrees, side dishes and desserts for your family dinners.

The price of *Mangia! Ci fa bene!* is just \$15.00. These cookbooks make great Christmas gifts, hostess gifts, and gifts for teachers. Your purchase will promote traditional Italian cooking, as well as support the Italian Cultural Center. Supplies are limited, so get your copies soon! The cookbooks can be purchased at any of our events or member meetings.

They can also be ordered for home delivery (shipping charges will apply) by calling 413-784-1492, emailing us at iccwm@comcast.net, or writing us at 56 Margaret St., Springfield, MA 01105.

Please be sure to include your name, address, telephone number and the number of cookbooks you are purchasing. Please make checks or money orders out to "ICC".

If writing to us, you may complete the form below, and cut it out to include in your letter:

MANGIA! CI FA BENE! ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Check one below:

____ Number of Cookbooks* 1 X \$15.00 (+ \$6.00 shipping & handling) = \$ 21.00 Total
____ Number of Cookbooks* 2 X \$15.00 (+ \$6.00 shipping & handling) = \$ 36.00 Total

*Shipping for up to 2 Cookbooks is \$6.00. Shipping and handling is based on the number of books ordered. Call for shipping and handling cost if ordering more than 2 books.

Celebrating Italian-American Heritage Month with the ICC

Flag raising ceremony on October 1st



Trip to Arthur Avenue on October 20th



ALL SAINTS' DAY AND ALL SOULS' DAY

In Italy, November 1 and 2, people celebrate All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. This celebration is known as La Festa di Ognissanti. It is a public holiday—schools are closed and businesses are shuttered for the feast. All Souls' Day, known as Giorno dei Morti, commemorates loved ones who have departed.

On All Souls' Day, families will visit the gravesites of their loved ones, clean them, and leave the traditional flowers—the chrysanthemum. The day begins at dawn with a mass for the dead. Prayers and alms are given for the dead, as well as souls that are stuck in purgatory.

In Italy, as well as other parts of the world, some people believe the dead return to visit at mealtime. They set a place for them at the dining table and leave bottles of water or wine for them to drink. In Sicily, children leave their shoes outdoors, and pray to the dead, hoping their shoes will be filled with sweets and goodies.

In Sardinia, families have banquets but do not clear the tables, leaving everything for spirits who visit at night. Like “trick or treating,” children in this area will walk around knocking on doors, saying, “Morti, morti” to receive cakes and sweets.

Cucina Toscana

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

Christmas Dinner, Saturday, December 8, 6:00 pm

Tombola and Potluck, Sunday, December 16, 12:00 noon

*We are planning a number of events for the remainder of
2018 and 2019 and look forward to unveiling our
beautifully renovated ICC!*

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.