



**Sons and Daughters of Italy of Ocean City Lodge #2474
P. O. Box 4596, Ocean City, MD 21843**

St. Joseph's Day Festival: Saturday, March 23, 2024

Dear Merchant,

The Sons and Daughters of Italy of Ocean City and St. Luke's Church will be sponsoring the twelfth annual St. Joseph's Day Festival to be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024. We are kindly requesting donations of gift certificates or items from our local businesses for our silent auction and raffles.



St. Joseph is the Patron Saint of workers and we wish to honor all those in the workforce. This free event will be an Italian-style festival with music, games and delicious homemade foods to purchase. It will be held indoors from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm at St. Andrew's Hall on Sinepuxent and 144th Street, Ocean City, Maryland. Our previous eleven festivals have been very successful, with over 1,500 visitors in 2023!



We are a non-profit organization with members in Sussex County Delaware and Ocean City, Maryland. Our festival helps to provide funds to over twenty local & national charities, including:

Alzheimer's Association

Clothing Our Kids, Millsboro, DE

Diakonia, Worcester County, MD

National Autism Association

Relay for Life - American Cancer Society

South Coastal Village Volunteers, Ocean View, DE

Worcester County Humane Society, MD

Brandywine Valley SPCA, Georgetown, DE

Coastal Hospice, MD & Delaware Hospice

Justin's Beach House, Bethany Beach, DE

OC Helping Heroes Foundation, MD

Operation Seas the Day, Bethany Beach, DE

The Joseph House, Salisbury, MD

Wreaths Across America, DE



The festival also provides funds for our three scholarships to Stephen Decatur High School in Ocean City, and two in Delaware at Indian River High School and Sussex Technical High School.



All establishments that have donated gifts will be listed in our festival program, which is free to all attendees. For your business name to appear in our program, please commit to a donation by February 1, 2024. The businesses who offer a donation after this date will still be recognized on a poster at the festival. If you wish to put a business ad in our program, the form and payment must be submitted by January 30, 2024.



Can we count on your contribution for this year's festival? Thank you for your consideration of our request and your support in ensuring a twelfth successful St. Joseph's Day Festival! Hope to see you there!

Volunteer: _____

Basket Raffle Chairperson: Janet Ackerson, phone: 302-228-1423, E-mail: janet.ackerson@gmail.com

Silent Auction Chairpersons: Sue Ann & Richard Baietti, phone: 302-945-4237, E-mail: sueann1257@aol.com

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