



# 11TH ANNUAL ST. JOSEPH'S FESTIVAL



**St. Andrew's Hall**  
**Ocean City, Maryland**  
**March 18, 2023**

Sons and Daughters of Italy Ocean City Lodge #2474



# Greetings from Our President

**Dear Sisters, Brothers and Guests**

It is with great excitement that I welcome you to our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Joseph's Day Festival. The celebration of this feast day dates Medieval Sicily when it is said that St. Joseph answered the people's prayers by ending one of the island's legendary droughts. Ever since, St. Joseph's Day has been celebrated with special prayers of adoration to the Saint and large Feasts. The custom was likely brought to the United States in the great Italian migration (1880-1923).



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The Ocean City Lodge was organized in May of 1980. With a charter membership of 247, it was one of the largest every to be installed in the United States. By its official initiation as a lodge on November 15, 1980, it had more than 300 members.

Our Lodge donates to local charities, awards scholarships to high school seniors of Italian descent, promotes Italian traditions, and offers its members an exciting variety of social activities. The St. Joseph's Festival is our key fund-raiser that allows us to contribute back to the community.

So, thank you for celebrating St. Joseph's Feast Day with us and for supporting the Sons and Daughters of Italy of Ocean City Lodge #2474, and for turning out last year for our feast in record numbers and returning again this year to celebrate with us.

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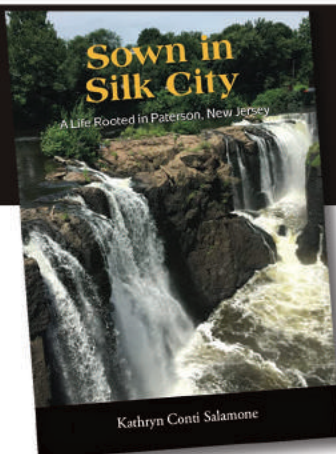
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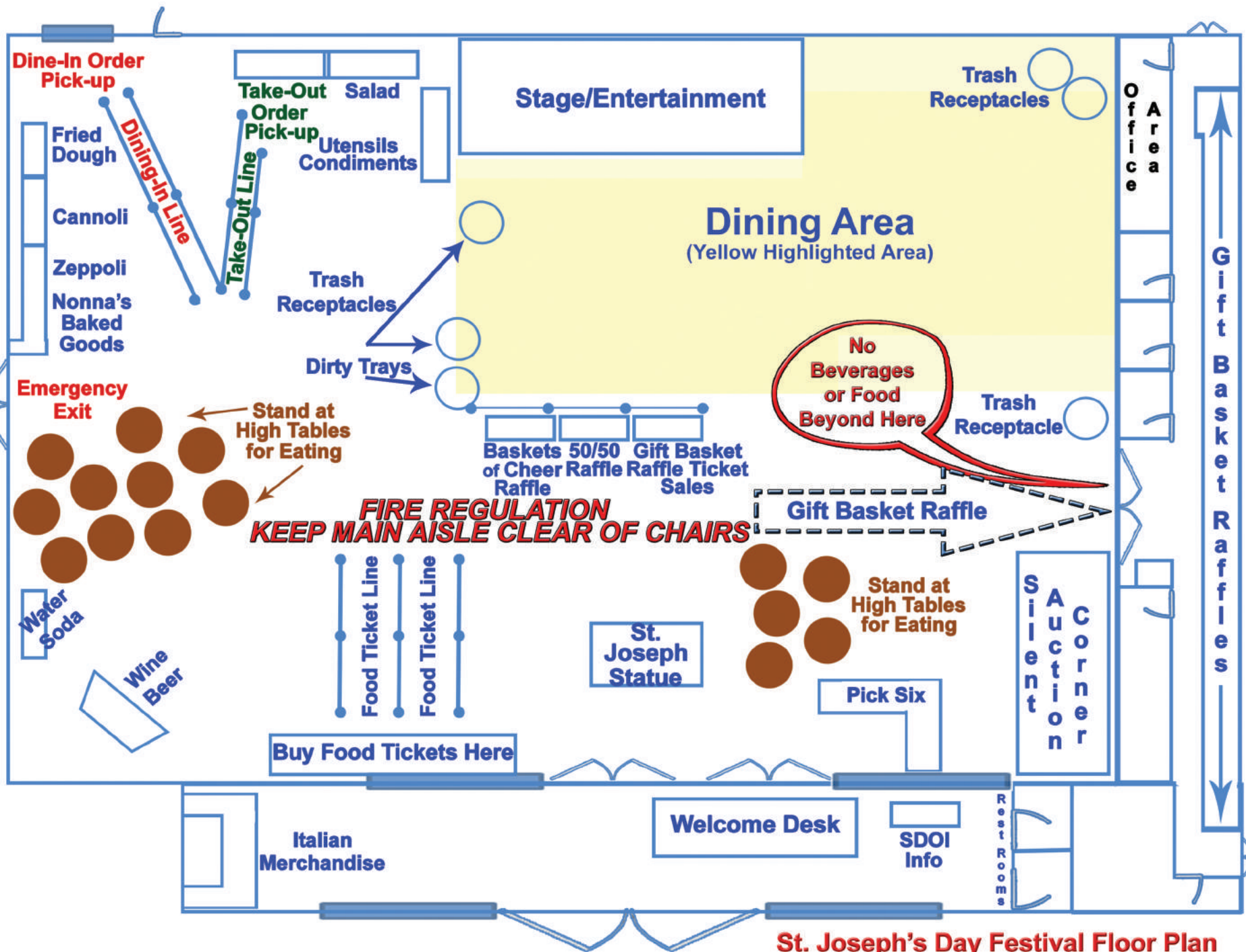


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**The Bartolomeo Family**  
***Nick, Jane, Joe, Tom & Tony***

## Why We Celebrate St. Joseph's Day

**I**talian Americans hold St. Joseph's Day with a special importance, especially those whose families are from Sicily, "where St. Joseph is as important as St. Patrick is in Ireland." The Irish wear their green on St. Patrick's Day. Traditionally, Italians wear red on St. Joseph's Day.

**S**an Giuseppe (St. Joseph), Father of Jesus, is Sicily's most important saint. Sicilians credit San Giuseppe with preventing famine in Sicily, and, as a result, the day, March 19, is commonly commemorated with a festival and special feast. Parades and processions are also held in Italy on March 19. This ancient tradition goes back to the Middle Ages, at a time, of an exceptionally severe drought in Sicily. No rain fell for an extended period, no crops would grow, and countless people died of famine. The peasants prayed to God for rain, and they also prayed to St. Joseph to intercede with God on their behalf. They promised that if God caused it to rain, they would have a special feast honoring God and St. Joseph.

**A**lthough most Italian-Americans serve special dishes/foods for St. Joseph's Day, these foods vary among Italian-American communities. Nevertheless, these dishes include the traditional ingredients of fava beans, fennel, cauliflower, chickpeas, flat and broad home-made pasta noodles. The consistency ranges from a pasta and vegetable soup to a pasta dish with a little broth, to pasta in a thick paste – variations of minestrone. Instead of cheese, many people service this dish with "poor man's cheese" – bread crumbs, which symbolize the sawdust of St. Joseph the Carpenter. Besides the pasta, other dishes may include fish, shellfish and, of course, bread. Traditionally no meat is served since the feast falls during Lent.

**F**or those who still have room left, there is always dessert, and St. Joseph's Day means the famous Zeppole di San Giuseppe. Zeppole are basically "Italian doughnuts" (sfinge) simply dusted with sugar, cinnamon and honey or (as usually found on the East coast) filled with yellow cream and covered with whipped cream. In some regions, Pignolatta (pronounced bin-u-latha) is more popular than Zeppole. Pignolatta is a pyramid of little fried pastry balls covered in honey, nuts, and chocolate bits, symbolic of a pine cone. Those of Neapolitan descent and some other parts of Italy will know this dessert as Struffoli.

**P**ope Pius IX proclaimed Saint Joseph the patron of the Universal Church in 1870, the unofficial patron against doubt and hesitation, as well as, the patron saint of fighting communism and of a happy death. Having died in the arms of Jesus and Mary, according to Catholic tradition, he is considered a model of the pious believer who receives grace at the moment of death, and prays especially for families, fathers, expectant mothers, travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers, and working people in general.

**M**arch 19, St. Joseph's Day, has been the principal feast day of St. Joseph in Western Christianity since the tenth century, and Catholics, Anglicans, many Lutherans and other denominations celebrate this feast day.

# **I am an Italian American**

## **By Angelo Bianchi, Esq.**

**I am an Italian-American. My roots are deep in an ancient soil, drenched by the Mediterranean sun, and watered by pure streams from snow capped mountains.**

**I am enriched by thousands of years of culture. My hands are those of the mason, the artist, the man of the soil.**

**My thoughts have been recounted in the annals of Rome, the poetry of Virgil, the creations of Dante, and the philosophy of Benedetto Croce.**

**I am an Italian-American, and from my ancient world, I first spanned the seas to the New World.**

**I am Cristoforo Colombo.**

**I am Giovanni Caboto, known in American History as John Cabot, discoverer of the mainland of North America.**

**I am Amerigo Vespucci, who gave my name to the New World, America.**

**First to sail on the Great Lakes in 1679, founder of the territory that became the State of Illinois, colonizer of Louisiana and Arkansas, I am Enrico Tonti.**

**I am Filippo Mazzei, friend of Thomas Jefferson, and my thesis on the equality of man was written into the Bill of Rights.**

**I am William Paca, signer of the Declaration of Independence.**

**I am an Italian-American; I financed the Northwest Expedition of George Rogers Clark and accompanied him through the lands that would become Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan. I am Colonel Francesco Vigo.**

**I mapped the Pacific from Mexico to Alaska and to the Philippines;**

**I am Alessandro Malaspina.**

**I am Giacomo Belinimi, discoverer of the source of the Mississippi River in 1823.**

**I created the Dome of the United States Capitol. They call me the Michelangelo of America. I am Constantino Brumidi.**

**In 1904, I founded in San Francisco the Bank of Italy, now known as the Bank of America, the largest financial institution in the world; I am A.P. Giannini.**

**I am Enrico Fermi, father of nuclear science in America.**

**I am Steve Geppi, founder of Diamond Comics, the largest distributor of comics on the planet.**

**I am the first enlisted man to earn the Medal of Honor in World War II; I am John Basilone of New Jersey. I am an Italian-American.**

**I am the million strong who served in America's armies and the tens of thousands whose names are enshrined in military cemeteries from Guadalcanal to the Rhine ...**

**I am the steel maker in Pittsburgh, the grower in the Imperial Valley of California, the textile designer in Manhattan, the movie maker in Hollywood, the homemaker and the breadwinner in over 10,000 communities.**

**I am an American without stint or reservation, loving this land as only one who understands history, its agonies and its triumphs can love and serve it.**

**I will not be told that my contribution is any less nor my role not as worthy as that of any other American.**

**I will stand in support of this nation's freedom and protect it against all foes.**

**My heritage has dedicated me to this nation. I am proud of my heritage, and I shall remain worthy of it. I am an Italian-American.**

**Angelo Bianchi is a former President of the Order Sons of Italy in America.**

# 11<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Joseph's Festival 2023

## Menu

|                                             |      |
|---------------------------------------------|------|
| 6 Ravioli and 2 Meatballs                   | \$14 |
| 6 Ravioli and 1 Sausage                     | \$14 |
| 3 Ravioli and 1 Meatball (Half Serving)     | \$ 7 |
| 3 Ravioli and 1 Sausage Link (Half Serving) | \$ 8 |
| Meatball Sub                                | \$ 9 |
| Sausage and Peppers Sub                     | \$9  |
| Salad                                       | \$ 3 |

**PURCHASE FOOD TICKETS FOR THE ITEMS ABOVE FROM THE FOOD  
TICKET CASHIERS LOCATED INSIDE THE ENTRY DOORS**

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| Cannoli (Plain Shell)            | \$ 6 |
| Cannoli (Chocolate Dipped Shell) | \$ 7 |
| Zeppole                          | \$ 6 |
| Fried Dough (5 Pieces)           | \$ 4 |
| Soda                             | \$ 2 |
| Iced Tea                         | \$ 2 |
| Water                            | \$ 1 |
| San Pellegrino                   | \$ 2 |
| Wine                             | \$ 6 |
| Beer                             | \$ 4 |

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