



**YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613
OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER**

Next Meeting: October 7th @ 7:00 p.m. (St. Cecilia's Green Room)

Menu: Dinner coordinated by Br. Mike Dimech

Stop by between 6:30-7:00 p.m. for a beverage before dinner. The meeting concludes with our popular "Find the Joker".

YMI #613 Events & Activities:

Jim Calabretta Essay Contest - Our 23rd Essay Contest is now underway. The contest features 50 cash prizes for college, high school, and middle school students totaling \$21,000! **See the attached contest flyer for topics, rules, and entry form.** Please share this contest flyer with any student in your family. You may also sponsor 2 non-family students to help build interest in the YMI. **If any questions about the contest, please contact Br. John Kavanagh at jkavesq@gmail.com.**

Italian Heritage Parade – YMI #613 will be participating again in the **Italian Heritage Parade** on **Sunday, October 12th**. We are planning to ride in many vintage classic cars from the 1950-60's era. **If you want to participate with us in the parade, please contact Br. Bob Fiorito at 650-867-6702.** More details about the parade staging area will be provided, as we get closer to the parade date.

YMI Hour of Memory: Our annual **Hour of Memory** event to honor our deceased YMI Brothers will be held this year on **Sunday November 2nd**. The event will include a Mass at Saints Peter & Paul's Church (3:30 p.m.) and dinner afterwards at the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club. **See the attached flyer for event info and to make reservations.** **If any questions about the event, please contact Br. Mario Balistreri at 415-681-0968.**

YMI Bocce Ball Tourney: YMI Bocce Ball Tourney has been moved to **Saturday, November 8th**. We invite all (including ladies and children) to join us in November to participate in this fun event. You don't need to be an expert to play in our bocce tourney! We plan to serve coffee & donuts in the morning and BBQ burgers & hot dogs for lunch. **See the attached flyer for event details & to make reservations.** Please contact **Br. Mike Dimech at 650-922-2667**, if there are any questions about the Bocce Ball Tourney or to offer help/support.

YMI Christmas Party: The annual **YMI #613 Christmas Party** will take place on **Sunday, December 14th**. The event will take place at Dominic's Restaurant @ Oyster Point beginning at 6:00 p.m., and it will include a spectacular Christmas Raffle. **See the attached flyer for event details and to make reservations.** Please contact **Br. Mike Amato at 650-296-6297**, if any questions about the Christmas Party. In addition, please contact **Br. George Totah at 415-418-0553**, if you would like to donate a prize for the Christmas Raffle.

YMI Red & White Mass: Save the date of **March 14, 2026**. Our **Grand 2nd Vice President Mario Balistreri** will be organizing this YMI Anniversary event to be held at St. Cecilia's. The event includes Mass and dinner with YMI Brothers from many Councils in the state. More details will be provided as we get closer to the event date.

YMI #613 Council Info:

October Meeting Change: Our October YMI Meeting has been moved up one-week to Tuesday October 7th because of the St. Cecilia Parish Festival.

Membership Status: With the passing of **Fr. Armand Oliveri**, our membership level has dipped to 113 members (i.e., 93 Benefit Members, 5 Junior Members, & 15 Honorary Members). **YMI #613 remains the 4th largest YMI Council!** Given that half the year has passed, **dues for the remainder of 2025 have been cut from \$85 to just \$50**. We urge you to invite a brother, cousin, friend, co-worker, or a neighbor to take advantage of this low rate for dues and become part of our YMI Order!

Canned Good Reminder: Please remember to bring canned goods or toiletries to our monthly YMI #613 meetings. All items collected are delivered monthly by **Br. Mike Dimech** to the Catholic Workers' Hospitality House in San Bruno.

Personal Info Changes: If you have recently changed any of your personal info (e.g. phone number, e-mail address, mailing address, etc.) please contact **Br. Mike Amato at 650-296-6296** to update your contact information.

Meal Coordinators- Line-Up: Here is the line-up of YMI #613 Brothers volunteering to serve as meal coordinators for the remainder of 2025. **Sign up's for 2026 meal coordinators will be happening soon!** It's not difficult to be a meal coordinator. Basically, you just need 1) to place an order for food for about 25-30 people at a restaurant that either delivers or has a pick-up service and 2) take a lead role with the food set-up and clean-up during the meeting.

- November: Br. Stephen Goulding (Turkey)
- December: Br. Bob Fiorito
- January: ???
- February: ???
- etc

Congratulations, Salutes, & Sentiments:

- **Congratulations:** We congratulate **Br. Jeffrey Schwind** for picking the Joker in our Find the Joker contest at our September meeting. A new contest begins in October!
- **Condolences:** We send our condolences to the Salesian community on the passing of **Fr. Armand Oliveri**. Fr. Armand lived to the grand age of 105 and he served as a Salesian priest for about 73 years (many of those years were served at Saints Peter & Paul's Church in North Beach, including many years as the pastor). Fr. Armand also served as our YMI #613 Chaplain for several years (circa 2007-2012) and he was proud to be in the YMI as he talked fondly about his YMI legacy given both his father and uncle were loyal YMI Brothers (circa 1930's). He will be missed! Rest in Peace, Fr. Armand!
- If anyone has a personal/family milestone or event to share with your YMI Brothers or are seeking prayers for a loved one from the YMI network, please send info to **Br. Mike Amato (text to 650-296-6297 or e-mail to mamato871@aol.com)**

Birthdays: Happy Birthday to the following YMI #613 Brothers who will be celebrating birthdays in October

Br. Kyle Franz Lalue (Sem.)	10/2
Br. Luis Jimenez	10/9
Br. Mike Cooley	10/10
Br. Bernardo Silva	10/10
Br. Bill Pallas	10/11
Br. Michael Delaurenti	10/18
Br. George Totah	10/20
Br. Rod Ordon	10/21
Br. Leandro Fernando	10/31