



YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613 SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting: September 9th @ 7:00 p.m. (St. Cecilia's Green Room)

Menu: Dinner coordinated by Br. Dom Panina (\$10).

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

Council Events & Activities:

Jim Calabretta Essay Contest - Stay tuned for the contest flyer for our annual Jim Calabretta Essay Contest. The essay contest (#23) kicks off in the Fall as students return to school. The prize fund is expected to be in the neighborhood of \$21,000!

Italian Heritage Parade – YMI #613 will be participating in the Italian Heritage Parade again. This year's parade is on **Sunday, October 12th** and we plan to be riding in many vintage classic cars from the 1950-60's era. In addition, we have invited our new **Grand President Bill Walls** to ride in the parade with us. More details will be provided as we get closer to the parade date, but please save the day for those that would like to participate.

YMI Bocce Ball Tourney: A reminder that the YMI Bocce Ball Tourney date has been moved to Saturday, November 8th. Because the City of South San Francisco is doing extensive park maintenance during September & October at Orange Park, we cannot use the bocce ball facilities as planned on September 27th. Accordingly, we invite all to join us in November and participate in this fun event, including ladies and children. 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 revised attached flyer for event details.** Please contact **Br. Mike Dimech at 650-922-2667** if any questions about the Bocce Ball Tourney or to offer help/support.

YMI Hour of Memory: Our annual Hour of Memory will be held this year on **Sunday November 2nd**. Consistent with past years, we are planning to hold a Mass at Saints Peter & Paul's Church and a dinner at the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club as focal points of this event honoring our deceased YMI Brothers. Further details are being developed by **Br. Mario Balistreri** currently so please stay tune for more info and save the day.

YMI Picnic: **Br. Mike Amato** conveys his thanks to the 55 people that attended the summer picnic on August 17th, as well as to the **Picnic Committee (Brothers Cosmo Amato, Bob Fiorito, Mike Dimech, Stephen Goulding & Joe Soracco)** for their help with organizing the event. Special acknowledgment to **Mara Amato, Pola Fiorito, Yvonne Soracco, Peter Cooley and Amelie Wu** for their help preparing desserts or helping with the raffle. All went very smoothly that day and the weather was better than expected! Most importantly, many enjoyed a great day relaxing in the park and interacting with wonderful YMI people! Finally, thank you for your generosity of canned goods and toiletries to help those in need.

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 Info:

October Meeting Change: Because St. Cecilia Parish will need to use the Green Room on October 14th for its annual parish festival, our **October YMI Meeting has been moved up one-week to Tuesday October 7th**. Please make a note of this change!

Membership Status: With another new members joining us in July (see the Welcome Message below), YMI #613 Membership has grown to 114 (i.e., 93 Benefit Members, 5 Junior Members, & 16 Honorary Members). **YMI #613 is 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.

Meal Coordinators- Line-Up: Here is the line-up of YMI #613 Brothers volunteering to serve as meal coordinators for the remainder of 2025. In parenthesis, the likely dinner entrees are listed. 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.

- October: Br. Mike Dimech (Pizza?)
- November: Br. Stephen Goulding (Turkey)
- December: Br. Bob Fiorito

Congratulations, Salutes, & Sentiments:

- **Welcome:** We extend a hearty "Welcome!" to our newest YMI #613 Brother..... **Br. Brendan Falvey**. However, since Br. Brendan was formerly a very active YMI member and an YMI #613 officer (circa 1985-2005), perhaps we should more accurately say **"Welcome Back!"**
- **Congratulations:** We offer congratulations to the following YMI #613 Brothers on the recent births of their grandchildren:
 - **Br. Mike Dimech** – his granddaughter **Madison Jane** was born on Aug 11th.
 - **Br. Mario Balistreri** – his granddaughter **Rose Marie Christian** was born on August 14th.
- **Birthday Wishes:** We send out a belated "Happy Birthday" wish to our **YMI Business Manager Br. Tom Fourie** who turned 78 on August 17th.
- **More Congratulations:** We congratulate **Br. Rich Rosemont** and his wife Sandy on 37 years of marriage.
- 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 September

Rev. Joe Landi	9/3
Br. Bob Fiorito	9/3
Br. Mike Dimech	9/5
Br. Richard Rosemont	9/7
Br. Dereck Delgado (Seminarian)	9/10
Br. Brendan Falvey	9/11
Br. Jeff Morrow	9/13
Br. Joseph McIntire (Seminarian)	9/18
Br. John McQuaid)	9/19
Br. Gilbert Tan	9/27