



YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613 OCTOBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting: October 13th @ 7:00 p.m. (St. Cecilia's Lower Church.)

Dinner to be organized by Br. Mike Dimech

Come between 6:30-6:45 p.m. for a cold beverage; followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting concludes with our popular "Find the Joker" game.

YMI #613 Events & Activities:

YMI Bocce Ball Tourney: Please join us for our annual bocce ball tourney on **Saturday October 3rd at Orange Park in South San Francisco**. This fun event will feature several games of bocce ball in a team play tourney. Coffee and donuts will be served in the morning and there will be a great BBQ lunch about noon. All are invited to play, including ladies, children and those who has never ever played before.

YMI Italian Heritage Parade: Please plan to participate in the **Italian Heritage Parade** on **Sunday October 13th** in San Francisco North Beach area. Normally, we gather about 10:30 a.m. near Fisherman's Wharf. We anticipate having about 8-10 classic cars (circa 1950-60's vintage) to ride in the parade that day, as well as having the **YMI Grand President (Br. Richard Murphy #32)** and the reigning **YMI Man of the Year (Br. Mario Balistreri #613)**. We hope to see many of you either riding with us in the parade or attending as a spectator. **If you are interested in riding in the parade or have questions, please contact Br. Bob Fiorito at 650-867-6702**

Hour of Memory: Please plan to attend our annual **Hour of Memory** event to take place on **Sunday November 1st**. We have made some notable changes in hopes of more participation for this annual event when we remember deceased YMI Brothers for their past YMI service. This year, we will begin the event by attending **11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Cecilia's Church**. Afterwards, we will travel to nearby **Dominic's SF location (2850 Alemany Blvd.)** for a wonderful buffet lunch (which will include roast beef, petrale sole, chicken toscano and penne pasta). A no-host cash bar will be available too. The event costs just \$50 per person and your spouses/families are welcomed to attend too. We also note that the SF 49ers have a bye in their schedule that Sunday. **Please see the attached flyer for more information. For reservations or questions, please contact Br. Mario Balistreri at 415-810-0826.**

Jim Calabretta YMI #613 Essay Contest: The 24th Annual Essay Contest is now officially underway! Middle School Students between Grades 6-8, as well as High School and College undergraduates are invited to prepare and submit an essay (350 maximum words) by December 5th. The total contest prize fund is \$22,000 with 1st place prizes ranging from \$1250-\$1500!. Essays need to be original (no A.I.) and sponsored by a YMI Member (excluding those offered to various local schools to encourage YMI membership) **Topics and contest rules can be reviewed on the attached Essay Contest flyer. If questions, please contact Br. John Kavanagh at jkavesq@gmail.com**

Christmas Party: Please plan to join us for the annual **YMI #613 Christmas Party at 5:45 p.m. on Sunday December 13th**. Once again, the event will be held at **Dominic's at Oyster Point** in South San Francisco. All members, spouses, and families are welcome to attend this festive event that begins with a great dinner and ends with a phenomenal raffle. **Please see the attached flyer for more information. For reservations or if questions, please contact Br. Mike Amato at 650-296-6297. If you would like to donate a raffle prize, please contact Br. George Totah at 415-418-0553.**

YMI #613 Council Info:

Membership Status:

- Our **YMI #613 membership** has increased to **118 members**. **Over an 8-month period in 2026, we have welcomed 10 new members into the YMI!** That's fantastic! Please keep up the good work of recruiting new members by bringing a relative, friend, co-worker, or a neighbor to become part of our terrific YMI Order!
- If you haven't attended a YMI #613 meeting in a while, please consider coming to one of our monthly meetings. We typically meet on the **2nd Tuesday of each month in St. Cecilia's Lower Church**. Brothers who attend enjoy a good meal and cold beverages before our meeting, and we always have a raffle at the end..

YMI Shirts/Jackets:

- We have recently replenished our inventory of YMI Shirts, ranging from size Small to 3 XL. If your shirt is looking worn, has been misplaced, or it is just time for a new one, you can purchase a YMI shirt by simply contacting **Br. Mike Amato**. Shirts cost just **\$30** each and payment can be made by either cash or a check made out to YMI #613.
- If you would like a YMI lightweight jacket (full zipper type), please contact **Br. Mike Amato at 650-296-6297** with your size and the name you would like on it. We have a vendor in Pacifica that can order us jackets. Price likely in the \$40-\$50 range.

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 those in need at the **Catholic Workers' Hospitality House in San Bruno**.

Meal Coordinators: Thank you to those volunteers who signed up to be meal coordinators. Here is the line-up of YMI #613 Brothers volunteering to serve as meal coordinators for the final months of 2026 and for 2027. As a meal coordinator, you basically just need 1) to place an order for food for about 25-30 people at a restaurant/caterer that either delivers or has pick-up service and 2) take a lead role with the meal set-up & clean-up during the meeting.

- **November 2026: Br. Stephen Goulding (Thanksgiving: Turkey)**
- **December: Br. Bob Fiorito**
- **January 2027: Deacon Rory Desmond**
- **February: Br. John Kavanagh**
- **March: Br. Mike Amato (Corned Beef & Cabbage)**
- **April: Br. George Totah**
- **May: Br. Aaron Dilleshaw (Mexican)**
- **June: Br. Jeff Schwind**
- **July: Br. Mike Dimech**
- **August: Br. Jim Callaghan**
- **September: Br. Dom Panina**
- **October: Br. Paul Wuerstle**
- **November: Br. Stephen Goulding (Thanksgiving: Turkey)**
- **December: Br. Bob Fiorito**

Congratulations, Salutes, & Sentiments:

- **Achievements/Milestones:**
 - o Congratulations to **Br. Rod Ordon** on becoming a 1st time grandfather following the birth of his new granddaughter **Nora** on September 6th.
 - o Congratulations to **Br. Chris Amato** on the birth of his daughter **Jordyn** on September 16th, as well to **Br. Mike Amato and Br. Cosmo Amato** on becoming a grandfather and great-grandfather again.
- **Prayers:**
 - o We're aware that several of our YMI Brothers and their family members are dealing with various illnesses or chronic discomfort. We offer our prayers to those afflicted to regain good health fully and swiftly.
- 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 Laluces	10/2
Br. Luis Jimenez	10/9
Br. Francis Custodio	10/9
Br. Mike Cooley	10/10
Br. Bernardo Silva	10/10
Br. Bill Pallas	10/11
Br. Mike Delaurenti	10/18
Br. George Totah	10/20
Br. Rod Ordon	10/21
Br. Leandro Fernando	10/31