YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613
NOVEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting: November 10th @ 7:00 p.m. (St. Cecilia's Lower Church.)
Thanksgiving style dinner to be organized by Br. Stephen Goulding.

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:

Christmas Party:

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

Jim Calabretta YMI #613 Essay Contest: The **24th Annual Jim Calabretta Essay Contest** is 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! Submitted essays need to be original (absolutely no A.I. generated submissions) and sponsored by a YMI Member (except for those entries from designated local schools to encourage YMI membership). **Topics and contest rules are available on the attached Essay Contest flyer.** If any questions about the contest, **please contact Br. John Kavanagh at jkavesq@gmail.com**

December Meeting Change: The **YMI #613 December Meeting on December 8th will be held in the St. Cecilia's Collins Center.** The Lower Church will be unavailable that evening.

Grand President Official Visit: Details are being developed, but it's looking **like YMI Grand President Richard Murphy #32** will be making his official visit to the San Francisco District on **Thursday, January 14th**. YMI South San Francisco Council #32 will be hosting the event in the All Souls Parish cafeteria this year. Please plan to attend.

YMI Red & White Mass (Save the Date!): This year's YMI Red & White Mass will be held in nearby Sebastopol on **February 20, 2027**. **Grand 2nd Vice President Ed Silva #54** is coordinating the event this year. Stay tuned for more details.

YMI #613 Council Info:

Membership Status:

- Our **YMI #613 membership** has increased to **118 members. Since January 2026, we have welcomed 10 new members into YMI #613!** 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.** Attending Brothers enjoy a good meal and cold beverages before our meeting, and we always have a raffle at the end..

YMI Shirts/Jackets:

- We have replenished our inventory of YMI Shirts, ranging from size Small to 3 XL. If your shirt is looking worn, has been misplaced, or it's 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 printed on it. We have a vendor in Pacifica that can order us jackets. **The price of a jacket with tax is $55.**

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.

- **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:

- **Vote:** As the YMI motto is ***"For God & For Country",*** we kindly remind you of the second part of that motto and ask that you review your local election ballot and vote! We don't endorse any specific parties, candidates, or propositions, but we do urge you to exert your rights as Americans and vote!

- **Prayers:**
  - We offer prayers to **Br. Mike Dimech** for a speedy and full recovery. He will be undergoing hip surgery in early November.
  - We're aware that several of our YMI Brothers and their family members are dealing with various illnesses and/or chronic medical conditions. We offer our prayers to all those afflicted to regain good health fully and swiftly, including:
    - **Br. Bill Pallas**
    - **Br. Dick Pisciotta**
    - **Irma Calabretta**

- 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 (call/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 November:

Br. Robert Aicardi,	**11/3**
Br. Reagan Calaguas	**11/3**
Br. Michael McNaughton	**11/3**
Br. Reginald Calaguas	**11/6**
Br. Maurice Tokay	**11/8**
Br. Mario Lim	**11/14**
Br. John Madrid	**11/24**
Br. Leandro Calingasan	**11/26**
Br. Dennis Aicardi	**11/29**
Br. Ron Mirkovich	**11/30**