



YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613 SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting: September 8th @ 7:00 p.m. (St. Cecilia's Lower Church.)
Dinner to be organized by Br. Dominic Panina
Come between 6:30-6:45 p.m. for a beverage; followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m.
The meeting concludes with our popular "Find the Joker" game.

YMI #613 Events & Activities:

YMI Summer Picnic – Many thanks to all who attended the **YMI Summer Picnic** on **Sunday August 23rd**. The food served was delicious (i.e. appetizers, juicy steaks, several side salads, beans, chips, and a vast array of tempting desserts), the beverages were plentiful as was the raffle with 32 prizes, and the weather was simply outstanding. Most notably, it was gratifying to see 73 people that day (a huge increase over 2025 when 54 attended). Also, a heartfelt "Thank You" to the following:

- the YMI Brothers who served on the Picnic Committee handling various tasks/duties (**Brs. M. Amato, C. Amato, Fiorito, Soracco, Goulding, Dimech, & Baglin**),
- those who made food, helped with the food service or sold raffle tickets (**Pola Fiorito, Yvonne Soracco, Jeanne Dimech, Mara Amato, Brs. Dimech & Weber**)
- those that donated raffle prizes (**Brs. Bordachur, Kavanagh, & Panina & Original Joe's Restaurant**).

YMI Bocce Ball Tourney: Please plan to 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. In the morning, coffee and tasty donuts will be served and there will be a great BBQ lunch at midday. All are invited to play, including ladies, children and anyone who has never played before. **Please see the attached Bocce Ball Flyer for more information to play.** Please contact **Br. Mike Dimech at 650-922-2667** to make reservations or ask questions.

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 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 interested in being in the parade, 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. This year, we will begin the event with a **Mass at St. Cecilia's Church (11:30 a.m.)** Afterwards, we will travel to nearby **Dominic's SF location (2850 Alemany**

Blvd.) for a buffet lunch (includes 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. **For reservations, please contact Br. Mario Balistreri at 415-810-0826. Please see the attached Hour of Memory Flyer**

Christmas Party: Please save the date of **Sunday December 13th** for the annual **YMI #613 Christmas Party**. More details are to be provided **soon**.

YMI #613 Council Info:

Membership Status:

- Our **YMI #613 membership** has increased to **117 members**, with the addition of the following two YMI Brothers approved at the July and August meetings:
 - **Br. Ron Mirkovich** (sponsored **Br. Paul Larson & Br. Mario Balistreri**)
 - **Br. James Dyer Jr.** (sponsored by **Br. Mike Amato**).Welcome Brothers Ron & James to the YMI!
- **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! Consider bringing a relative, friend, co-worker, or a neighbor to become part of our terrific YMI Order!

Meeting Room Change: For the immediate future, YMI #613 will be meeting in **St. Cecilia's Lower Church**. The parish had re-purposed the Green Room in August to be a pre-K classroom. The Lower Church is larger and offers us more table space for eating dinner. **For anyone that can come on meeting nights earlier (by about 6:00 p.m.), your help for setting up the room will be much appreciated.** The large round tables need at least two people to move and put them in place and there are many chairs to put in place. At the end of the meeting, we will also need help putting the tables and chairs back.

YMI Shirts: We recently replenished our inventory of YMI Shirts, ranging from Small to 3 XL. If your shirt is looking worn, was misplaced, or you're just wanting a new one, you can purchase a shirt from Br. M. Amato for just \$30 with a check made out to YMI #613.

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

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

For 2027, we will begin taking names of volunteers at the September meeting!

Congratulations, Salutes, & Sentiments:

- **Achievements/Milestones:**
 - Congratulations to **Br. Mike Amato** on the birth of their newest grandson **Dominic**, as well to **Br. Cosmo Amato** on becoming a great grandfather again!

- **Prayers:**
 - We kindly ask for more prayers for **Br. Bill Pallas**. He has been undergoing physical rehab due to a serious and necessary medical procedure, and we understand he may be home soon.
 - We ask for prayers for **Br. Dick Pisciotta** who has been undergoing radiation treatment to battle cancer. We understand Br. Dick remains in good spirits!
 - We are grateful to hear that our chaplain **Deacon Rory Desmond** is back in ministry at St. Cecilia's and he is expecting to re-join us at our September meeting. He had been dealing with a medical matter which necessitated a break from his ministry work. Please pray that he maintains good health, so he can continue to serve the St. Cecilia community.
 - We offer our prayers for all YMI Brothers and their family members who are dealing with illnesses or chronic pain.
- 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. Rene Tanjuakio	9/7
Br. Dereck Delgado	9/10
Br. Brendan Falvey	9/11
Br. Jeff Morrow	9/13
Br. Joseph McIntire	9/18
Br. John McQuaid	9/19
Br. Gilbert Tan	9/27