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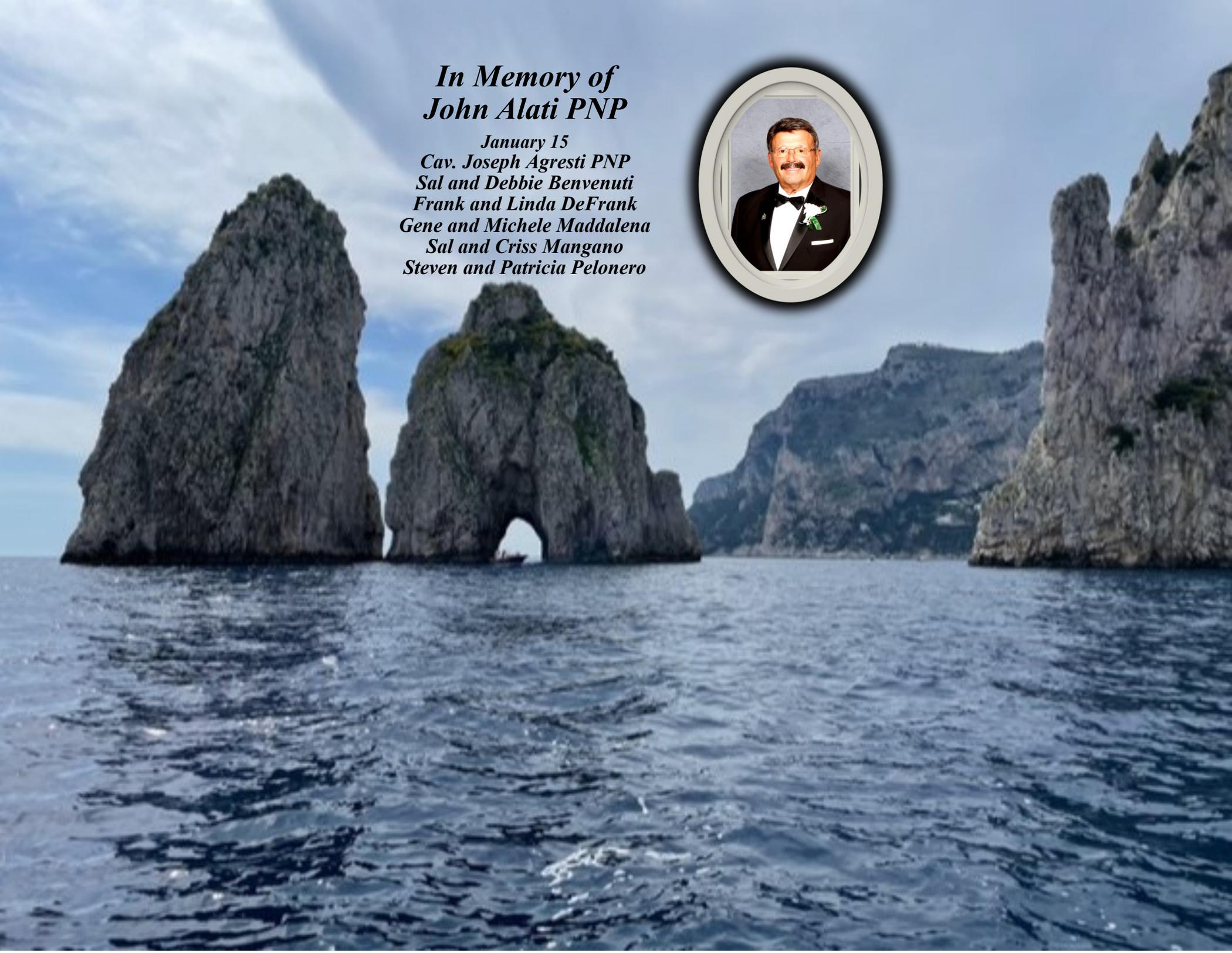
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January 15

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Sunday domenica	Monday lunedì	Tuesday martedì	Wednesday mercoledì	Thursday giovedì	Friday venerdì	Saturday sabato
	<p>1 New Years Day</p> <p>Dr. Ann Walko UNICO PNP 2015 GreaterWestfield NJ Chapter</p>	<p>2 Gino John Marchetti B. 1927 - d. 2019 He was a football player for the Dallas Texans and Baltimore Colts</p>	<p>3 Marcus Tilius Cicero B. 106BC - d. Dec. 7, 43BC He was a Roman philosopher, statesman and lawyer</p>	<p>4 On this day in 1493 Christopher Columbus leaves the New World ending his first journey</p>	<p>5 Luigi P. Carnesecca B. 1925 From NYC, a former basketball coach at St. John's University</p>	<p>6 The Epiphany</p> <p>Michael Vincent DiSalle B.1908 - d. Sept. 14, 1981 He was the 60th Governor of Ohio</p>
<p>7 Robert Longo B. 1953 American artist and sculptor who became famous for his "Men in the Cities" series</p>	<p>8 Marco Polo C. 1254 - d. Jan. 8, 1324 A merchant from the Venice. He wrote <i>Il Milione</i>, which introduced Europeans to Central Asia and China</p>	<p>9 Domenico Modugno B. 1928 - d. Aug. 6, 1994 He was a two-time Grammy Award winning Italian singer, songwriter. He made the song "Volare" famous</p>	<p>10 Sal Mineo, Jr. B. 1939 - d. Feb. 12, 1976 An American film and theatre actor, best known for his role with James Dean in <i>Rebel Without a</i></p>	<p>11 Giralamo Maria Mazzola B. 1503 - d. Aug. 24, 1540 He was a prominent Italian painter and printmaker active in Florence, Rome, Bologna, and his native city of Parma</p>	<p>12 Willibald C. Bianchi B. 1915 - d. Jan. 9, 1945 He was an officer in the Philippine Scouts WWII and received the Medal of Honor</p>	<p>13 Generoso P. Pope, Jr. B. 1927 - d. Oct. 3, 1988 He was an American Media mogul, best known for creating <i>The National Enquirer</i></p>
<p>14 Alberico Gentili B. 1552 - d. June 19, 1608 An Italian jurist and professor of civil law at the University of Oxford</p>	<p>15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p> <p>John Alati UNICO PNP 2002 (d. 2021) Verona NJ Chapter</p>	<p>16 Francesco Scavullo B. 1921 - d. Jan. 6, 2004 An American fashion photographer best know for his work on the cover of <i>Cosmopolitan</i></p>	<p>17 Constantine "Cus" D'Amato B. 1908 - d. Nov. 4, 1985 Boxing manager and trainer who handled Floyd Patterson, and Mike Tyson</p>	<p>18 Anthony Galla-Rini B. 1904 - d. July 30, 2006 Celebrated American accordionist. Considered to be the first to promote it as a legitimate concert instrument</p>	<p>19 Nicholas Colasanto B. 1924 - d. Feb. 12, 1985 American actor primarily known for his role as Coach Ernie on the sitcom <i>Cheers</i></p>	<p>20 Fr. Alessandro Volignano Died this day in 1606 at the Portuguese colony of Macau. He was the first missionary to Japan and credited with 300,000 conversions</p>
<p>21 Salvatore A. Giunta B. 1985 Staff sergeant in the US Army, the first living person since Vietnam, to receive the Medal of Honor</p>	<p>22 Rosa Ponselle B. 1897 - d. May 25, 1981 An American operatic Soprano</p>	<p>23 Ralph DePalma B. 1884 - d. Mar. 31, 1956 An Italian-American racecar driving champion and winner of the 1915 Indianapolis 500</p>	<p>24 Vito Hannibal Acconci B. 1940 - d. Apr. 27, 2017 From the Bronx, New York, he was an architect, landscape architect and installation artist</p>	<p>25 Luis Marden, born Annibale Luigi Paragallo B. 1913 - d. Mar. 3, 2003 An American photographer who worked for <i>National Geographic Magazine</i></p>	<p>26 Anthony Cortese B. 1947 Born in Massachusetts, he has been active in academic and industrial support of environmental awareness</p>	<p>27 Bartolomeo Cristofori di Francesco B. May 4, 1655 - d. 1731 Italian maker of musical instruments. Regarded as the inventor of the piano</p>
<p>28 Giovanni Alfonso Borello B. 1608 - d. Dec. 31, 1679 A Renaissance Italian physiologist, physicist and mathematician</p>	<p>29 Luigi Nono B. 1924 - d. May 8, 1990 Italian composer of classical music. One of the most important composers of the 20th century</p>	<p>30 Edera Cordiale B. 1920 - d. April 4, 1993 She was an Italian Olympian athlete who competed mainly in the discus throw</p>	<p>31 Manuela Di Centa B. 1963 - d. Feb. 12, 1994 She was an Italian Olympic skier who won five Olympic medals in 1994</p>	<p>Capri, is an island in Italy's Bay of Naples. It is famed for its rugged landscape, upscale hotels and shopping, from designer fashions to limoncello and handmade leather sandals. One of its best-known natural sites is the Blue Grotto.</p>		

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February | febbraio 2024

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Savoca Sicily, Francis Ford Coppola
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Sunday domenica	Monday lunedì	Tuesday martedì	Wednesday mercoledì	Thursday giovedì	Friday venerdì	Saturday sabato
	Savoca is a comune in the Province of Messina in the Italian region Sicily, located about 10 miles east of Palermo and about 19 miles southwest of Messina. It is a hill village that sits above the Ionian Sea. Savoca has been classified as one of Italy's most beautiful villages and is well known for being one of the filming locations for 'The Godfather' trilogy by Francis Ford Coppola .			1 Emilio Gino Segre' B. 1905 - d. April 22, 1989 Was an Italian physicist and Nobel laureate in physics. He co-discovered anti-protons	2 Lodivico Ferrari B. 1522 - d. Oct. 5, 1565 Was an Italian mathematician known for quartic Equations	3 Frank Coraci B. 1966 Is an American film director and screenwriter best known for his work with actor Adam Sandler
4 Ida Lupino B. 1918 - d. Aug. 3, 1995 English-American actress. Her paternal ancestors came from Bologna, Italy	5 On this day in history In 62 AD Pompeii suffered from an earthquake with a magnitude between 5 and 6	6 Amintore Fanfani B. 1908 - d. Nov. 20, 1999 Was an Italian politician, elected Prime Minister of Italy five times	7 Cerina Vincent B. 1979 An American film actress associated with horror films	8 Saint Jerome Emiliani B. 1481 - d. Feb. 8, 1537 Was an Italian humanitarian and founder of the Somaschi Fathers. He was canonized in 1767. patron saint of orphans	9 Dr. Frank DeFrank UNICO PNP 2019/2020 Roseto PA Chapter	10 John Vincent Calipari B. 1959 An American basketball coach at the University of Kentucky
11 Superbowl Sunday LVIII Jennifer Aniston B. 1969 - She is an American actress whose grandmother was Italian	12 Franco Zeffirelli B. 1923 - d. June 15, 2019 He was an Italian film director, an opera director, and designer	13 National Italian Food Day Stephen August Colletti B. 1986 He is an American actor and TV personality	14 Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day	15 Antonio Gagliardi B. 1898 - d. April 15, 1967 He was an eminent and celebrated Italian comedian, writer, singer and songwriter	16 Giambattista Bodini B. 1740 - d. Nov. 19, 1813 He was an Italian engraver, publisher, printer and typographer, remembered for the typeface "Bodini"	17 Giordano Bruno 1548 - d. Feb. 17, 1600 He was an Italian philosopher, mathematician and astronomer
18 John Travolta B. 1954 American actor, dancer and singer. He first became known in the TV series Welcome Back Kotter	19 Presidents' Day	20 Enzo Anselmo Ferrari B. 1898 - d. Aug. 14, 1988 Was an Italian race car driver and entrepreneur and founder of the Scuderia Ferrari Grand Prix race team	21 Lidia Matticchio Bastianich B. 1947 An American chef who was born in Croatia. She specializes in Italian American cuisine	22 Renato Dulbecco B. 1914 - d. Feb. 19, 2012 An Italian virologist who won a 1975 Nobel Prize in Physiology	23 Mirco Bergamasco B. 1983 An Italian rugby union footballer	24 On this day in history in 1582, Pope Gregory XIII announced the Gregorian calendar, after whom the calendar was named
25 Enrico Caruso B. 1873 - d. Aug. 2, 1921 Was an Italian tenor who sang to great acclaim at the major opera houses	26 Giulio Natta B. 1903 - d. May 2, 1979 He was an Italian chemist who won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry, for work on high polymers	27 Gene Sarazen B. 1902 - d. May 13, 1999 He is one of the few golfers to win all the major championships in his career	28 Bernadette Peters B. 1948 She is an American actress and singer from New York City	29 Leap Year 2024 The Romans invented Leap Year when Julius Caesar announced that it be added to the calendar in 46BC		

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March | marzo 2024

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A Valley in Spello, Italy
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	Spello is an ancient town and comune of Italy, in the province of Perugia in eastern-central Umbria. The densely inhabited town, built with stone, it still retains its medieval aspect. The town is enclosed in a circuit of medieval walls built on Roman foundations, including three Roman Late Antique gates (<i>Porta Consolare</i> , <i>Porta di Venere</i> and the "Arch of Augustus") and traces of three more. The town incorporated the remains of an amphitheater.				1 Harry Caray B. 1914 - d. Feb. 18, 1998 Born Harry Carabina. He was an American baseball broadcaster on Radio and TV	2 Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli On this day he was elected Pope in 1939. He took the name Pius XII
3 Goffredo Petrassi B. July 16, 1904 - d. 2003 An Italian Composer of modern classical music, conductor and teacher	4 Antonio Vivaldi B. 1678 - d. July 28, 1741 Was a classical composer of the "Four Seasons"	5 Giovanni Caboto C. 1450 - c. 1498 Known as John Cabot. A Venetian navigator and explorer	6 Louis "Lou" Costello B. 1906 - d. March 3, 1959 He was an American actor and comedian best know as half of the comedy team Abbott and Costello	7 Anna Magnani B. 1908 - d. Sept. 26, 1973 An Italian stage and film actress. She won an Oscar for her portrayal of a Sicilian widow in <i>The Rose Tattoo</i>	8 Antonello Venditti B. 1949 Was an Italian singer/songwriter who became famous in the 1970's for his songs with social themes	9 David Rizzo C. 1533 - d. March 9, 1566 He was an advisor to Mary, Queen of Scots. The queens jealous husband killed him on this day
10 Daylight Saving Time Clocks ahead one hour	11 On this day in history, the First Performance of <i>Rigoletto</i> , the opera, written by Giuseppe Verdi, was performed in 1851	12 Gregory Perillo B. 1927 - d. March 10, 2021 An Italian American painter. He is known for western genre, animal and portrait painting	13 Enrico Toselli B. 1883 - d. Jan. 15, 1926 He was an Italian pianist and composer	14 Theresa Christina Maria (of Bourbon-Two Sicilies) B. 1822 - d. Dec. 28, 1889 She was the empress consort of Pedro II of Brazil and the Princess of Two Sicilies	15 Eva Maria Livia Amurri B. 1985 An American actress and daughter of Italian director Franco Amurri and American actress Susan Sarandon	16 Emilio Lunghi B. 1886 - d. Sept. 27, 1925 A middle-distance runner, he was the first Italian to win a medal in the Olympics
17 St. Patrick's Day	18 On this day in history, Frederick II was named Holy Roman Emperor. At the age of 3, he was crowned King of Sicily	19 St. Joseph's Day Spring Begins	20 Jerre Mangione B. 1909 - d. Aug. 16, 1998 He was an American write/scholar of the Italian/American experience	21 Christopher DiMattio UNICO PNP 2010 Scranton PA Chapter	22 Cpl. Anthony Peter Damato B. 1922 - d. Feb. 20, 194 He was a US Marine who received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his service in WWII	23 Philip Zimbardo B. 1933 An American psychologist, best known for his Stanford prison experiment
24 Palm Sunday 31 Easter Sunday	25 Marco Stefano Belinelli B. 1986 in San Giovanni in Persiceto, is a professional basketball player for the Toronto Raptors in the NBA	26 Nicholas Quercetti UNICO PNP 1986 Philadelphia PA Chapter	27 David Anthony Bavaro B. 1967 A retired American football player. Was a line backer at Syracuse University and as a pro in the NFL	28 Victor "Vic" Raschi B. 1919 - d. Oct. 14, 1988 Was a major league baseball pitcher for the NY Yankees	29 Good Friday Jennifer Marie Capriati B. 1976 in New York City. She was a former #1 ranked women's tennis player	30 On this day in history in 1282, the Sicilian Vespers was a popular uprising in Palermo, Sicily which ousted French occupiers in Sicily

NJ District XI

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April | aprile 2024

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A Street in Venice
Ellen Leone, North Shore LI UNICO NY

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	<p>1 April Fools' Day Pesce d'aprile This day is also common in Italy as April Fish Day</p>	<p>2 Carmine Basilio B. 1927 Born in Canasota, NY. He was a two-weight world boxing champion</p>	<p>3 Steven Pelonero UNICO PNP 2021 Passaic Valley, NJ</p>	<p>4 James Alberione, aka Blessed Giacomo Alberione B. 1884 - d. Nov. 26, 1971 Was an Italian priest. Founder of the Society of St. Paul and Daughters of St. Paul</p>	<p>5 On this day in history in 1997, The American Italian Pasta Company signed an agreement to produce Mueller's Pasta</p>	<p>6 Sergio Franchi B. 1926 - d. May 1, 1990 He was an Italian tenor. He studied music and engineering simultaneously. His sister is Dana Valery</p>
<p>7 On this day in history in 1906. Mount Vesuvius erupted devastating Naples</p>	<p>8 George Francis Musso B. 1910 - d. Sept. 5, 2000 He was an American NFL linesman, playing both offense and defense with the Chicago Bears</p>	<p>9 On this day in history in 1682, both Enrico Tonti and Robert LaSalle reach the mouth of the Mississippi River which the US bought as the Louisiana Purchase</p>	<p>10 Adm. Guido Venturini B. 1934 Was Chairman of Italy's Joint Chief of Staff. He was appointed as Chair of Military Committee for NATO</p>	<p>11 On this day in history in 1934, Renato Donati, an Italian pilot, set the high altitude record of 47,352 feet</p>	<p>12 Sal Mangano UNICO PNP 1997 Saddle Brook, NJ</p>	<p>13 Bill Conti B. 1942 in Providence, RI. An Italian American film music composer who had frequently been the conductor at the Academy Awards</p>
<p>14 Glenn Pettinato UNICO PNP 2011 Carbondale, PA</p>	<p>15 Edoardo Giacomo Abbaticchio B. 1877 - d. Jan. 6, 1957 He was the first MLB leaguer of Italian heritage</p>	<p>16 On this day in history In 1071, Bari falls to Robert Guiscard which ended Byzantine rule in Italy</p>	<p>17 Frank Cannata UNICO PNP 1994 Orange/West Orange, NJ</p>	<p>18 On this day in history In 1518, Bona Sforza is crowned queen consort of Poland. Her mother was Isabella of Naples, Italy</p>	<p>19 Frank Viola Jr. B. 1960 Born in NY, he was pitcher for the Minnesota Twins, NY Mets, Boston Red Sox, Cincinnati Reds and Toronto</p>	<p>20 Mike Spano UNICO PNP 2006 Memphis, TN</p>
<p>21 Tony Danza B. 1951 An American actor who starred in the TV series Taxi and Who's the Boss</p>	<p>22 Giuseppe Torelli B. 1658 - d. Feb. 8, 1709 An American violinist, teacher and composer, known for his contributions of the instrumental concerto</p>	<p>23 Frank Borzage B. 1894 - d. June 19, 1962 Was an Academy Award winning film director and actor famed for his mystical romanticism</p>	<p>24 Vince Anthony Ferragamo B. 1954 An NFL quarterback, he played for the LA Rams. In 2009 he received the UNICO National Lombardi Award</p>	<p>25 On this day in history in 1945, Italy was liberated when the Nazi army surrendered and left Northern Italy</p>	<p>26 Giovanni "Nino" Benvenuti B. 1938 in Isola d'Istria, Italy (today Slovenia). He is considered to be the greatest boxer ever from Italy</p>	<p>27 Mario Joseph Ciampi B. 1907 - d. July 6, 2006 Was an American architect and urban planner known for his designs on public places in the San Francisco area</p>
<p>28 Mark Bavaro B. 1963 in Winthrop, MA A former NFL tight end who played for the NY Giants, Cleveland Browns and Philadelphia Eagles</p>	<p>29 St. Catherine of Siena D. 1380 She worked to bring the Papacy back to Rome from France, which established peace in the Italian city</p>	<p>30 On this day in history in 1849, Garibaldi defends Rome against the French</p>	<p>Venice, 'The Floating City' consists of 118 islands. Canals separate the islands, and bridges link them. There are 177 canals in Venice. The largest of these is the S-shaped Grand Canal, which divides the city in two. On average, the canals in Venice are roughly 4.9 to 6.5 ft deep. The Grand Canal has an average depth of 16.4 ft</p>			

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FAIT A LA MAIN
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ALL SIZES
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May | maggio 2024

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Lace Store on Burano Island
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	Burano is a small island off Venice with brightly painted houses. The colors of the houses follow a specific system. If someone wishes to paint their home, one must send a request to the government, who will respond by making notice of the colors permitted for that lot.	1 Allen Lee "Zeke" Zarilla B. 1919 - d. Aug. 28, 1996 Was a right fielder for many MLB teams from 1943-1953. He batted left-handed and threw right-handed	2 On this day in history in 1945, the Italian WWII Campaign ended. General Heinrich von Vietinghoff signed the official instrument of surrender	3 On this day in history in 2008, Dr. Riccardo Giacconi won the Nobel Prize as the Project Manager of the Hubble Space Telescope	4 On this day in history in 1494, Columbus lands on Jamaica, and claimed it for Spain	
5 On this day in history in 1860, Garibaldi sets sail from Quarto Italy (near Genoa) with his objective to land in Sicily	6 Rudolph Valentino B. 1896 - d. Aug. 23, 1926 He was an Italian actor, sex symbol and early pop icon known as the "Latin Lover"	7 Val Bisoglio B. 1926 - d. Oct. 18, 2021 Born in NYC, he was an Italian American character actor known primarily for his work in TV	8 Luigi Cornaro On this day in 1566, he died at the age of 98. He was the world's first published health enthusiast. He recommended a diet of just one egg a day	9 The Ascension of Jesus	10 Kathi Strozza UNICO PNP 2008 San Diego CA	11 On this day in history in 1860, Giuseppe Garibaldi and his 1000 Red Shirts land in Sicily to free the island from 400 years of Spanish-Neopolitan rule
12 Mother's Day	13 Justin Tuveri B. 1898 - d. Oct. 5, 2007 At the age of 109, he was one of the last Italian Veterans of WWI	14 Sofia Carmina Coppola B. 1971. An American film director, actress, producer and screenwriter. Third female director to be nominated for an Academy Award	15 On this day in history in 1941, Joe DiMaggio's hitting streak begins for his 56 game record	16 Flag Day Armed Forces Day	17 Louis John Dibella, Jr. B. 1960 A boxing promoter and TV/Film producer	18 Pierino "Perry" Como B. 1912 - d. May 12, 2001 An Italian American singer and TV personality. His career spanned over 50 years in the entertainment field
19 Pentecost	20 Patti Russo B. 1964 in New Jersey. An American singer/songwriter and actress. She is best known for her lead vocals with "Meat Loaf"	21 Girolamo Fabricius He died on this day in 1619. He founded the science of embryology	22 Saint Rita of Cascia D. 1457 An Italian Augustinian saint	23 On this day in history in 1498, Girolamo Savonarola was burned at the stake. He was a religious reformer	24 Germanicus Julius Caesar B. 16 BC - d. Oct. 10, 19 AD Was a member of the Julio-Claudian dynasty of the early Roman empire	25 Marco Cappato B. 1971 An Italian politician and member of the European Parliament representing Italy until 2009
26 Dante "Dan" Pastorini B. 1949 in Sonora, CA. Was an American Football quarterback in the NFL for the Houston Oilers, Oakland Raiders, Rams and Eagles	27 Memorial Day	28 Rudolph "Rudy" Giuliani B. 1944 An American lawyer, businessman and politician. Mayor of NYC from 1994-2001	29 Nicodemo "Nick" Mancuso B. 1948 An Italian Canadian cinema and stage actor	30 On this day in history in 1635, Pietro Alberti was the first Italian immigrant to step ashore at Fort Amsterdam, now New York City	31 Alfredo Antoni B. 1901 - d. Nov. 30, 1983 Was a leading Italian American symphony conductor and composer	

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June | giugno 2024

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Castellammare del Golfo, Sicily
Anthony Pelonero, (d) National Member, VA

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	<p><i>Castellammare</i> is a town and municipality in the Trapani Province of Sicily. The name can be translated as "Sea Fortress on the Gulf", stemming from the medieval fortress in the harbor. The nearby body of water conversely takes its name from the town, and is known as Gulf of Castellammare. The town has many restaurants and bars and is made up of steps and winding streets that lead to Piazza Petrolo where the town center lies with many shops. The main street is called Corso Garibaldi. Castellammare del Golfo has been described as probably having the most beautiful peninsula in all of Sicily.</p>					<p>1</p> <p>On this day in history in 1192, Enrico Dandolo, at the age of 85, he was elected Doge of Venice</p>
<p>2</p> <p>On this day in history in 1946, Italians voted for a republic which voted out the monarchy and hence established a Republic</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Giovanni Antonio Scopoli B. 1723 - d. May 8, 1788 Was an Italian physician and naturalist</p>	<p>4</p> <p>On this day in history in 1859 was the Italian Independence Wars. The French Army under Louis Napoleon defeated the Austrian Army at the Battle of Magenta</p>	<p>5</p> <p>David A. Caprio B. 1967 A Rhode Island State representative, was first elected December 21, 1999</p>	<p>6</p> <p>D Day 1944 It was the largest amphibious invasion in the history of warfare. Allies used over 5,000 ships and landing craft to land on five beaches</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Dean Martin B. 1917 - d. Dec. 25, 1995 An American singer, film actor, comedian and legend. Known as a member of the Rat Pack</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Gian Domenico Cassini B. 1625 - d. Sept. 14, 1712 Was an astronomer. He and his descendants made France preeminent in astronomy</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Richard "Dick" Vitale B. 1939 - Sportscaster</p> <p>Lee Norelli UNICO PNP 2018 Greater Philadelphia PA</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Frank Tidona UNICO PNP 2001 Rutherford NJ</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Joseph "Joe" Montana, Jr. B. 1956 Four time Super Bowl winning quarterback and member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Raymond "Ray" Barbuti B. 1905 - d. July 8, 1988 Was an American athlete and winner of two Gold Medals in the 1928 Summer Olympics</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Fabio Baldato B. 1968 Was an Italian racing cyclist. In 2008 he was the oldest rider for a pro team</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Army Birthday Flag Day</p> <p>Anthony Braico UNICO PNP 2005 Avon CT</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Leah Remini B. 1970 in Brooklyn An American actress best know for role as Carrie on the sitcom, King of Queens. Her father was from Sicily</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Father's Day</p> <p>Nicholas Anthony DMarzio B. 1944 in Newark, NJ The 7th Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Joseph "Joe" Piscopo B. 1951 - Comedian</p> <p>Richard D'Arminio UNICO PNP 2014 Greater Ramsey NJ</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Franco Modigliano B. 1918 - d. Sept. 23, 2003 Was an Italian American economist who won the Nobel prize for Economics. He was born in Rome</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Antonio Abetti B. 1846 - d. Feb. 20, 1928 Was an Italian astronomer. He earned his degree from the University of Padua</p>	<p>20</p> <p>First Day of Summer</p> <p>Danny Aiello B. 1933 - d. Dec. 12, 2019 An American actor. He was born in Manhattan</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Pier Luigi Nervi B. 1891 - d. Jan. 9, 1979 Was an Italian engineer and architect. Best know for his used of reinforced concrete and structural engineering</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Cynthia "Cindi" Lauper B. 1953 An American singer/songwriter and actress. Her mother as an Italian American</p>
<p>23</p> <hr/> <p>30</p> <p>Vincent Philip D'Onofrio B. 1959. An American actor and producer</p>	<p>24</p> <p>George Elmer Pataki B. 1945 An American politician who was the 53rd Governor of New York. He served three terms</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Robert Charles Venturi, Jr. B. 1925 in Philadelphia. An American architect and founding principal of the firm Venturi</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Giuseppe Taddei B. 1916 - d. June 2, 2010 Was an Italian baritone who performed primarily in operas by Mozart and Verdi</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Anna Moffo B. 1932 - d. March 9, 2006 Was an Italian American opera singer</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Luigi Pirandello B. 1867 - d. Dec. 10, 1936 Was an Italian dramatist and novelist who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1934</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Giacomo Leopardi B. 1798 - d. June 14, 1837 Was an Italian poet, essayist, philosopher and philologist</p>

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July | luglio 2024

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Landscape View of San Gimignano
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Sunday domenica	Monday lunedì	Tuesday martedì	Wednesday mercoledì	Thursday giovedì	Friday venerdì	Saturday sabato
	<p>1 The first day of the UNICO calendar year</p>	<p>2 Mary of Sicily B. 1363 - d. May 25, 1401 Was Queen of Sicily from 1377 until her death. She was born on Catania</p>	<p>3 Alessandro Blasetti B. 1900 - d. Feb. 1, 1987 Was an Italian film director. Born in Rome and was President of the jury at the 1967 Cannes Film Festival</p>	<p>4 Independence Day</p>	<p>5 Alberto Gilardino B. 1982 in Biella, Piedmont Is an Italian footballer (soccer) manager</p>	<p>6 Thomas Vaughan PNP 2017 Wethersfield, CT</p>
<p>7 Giuseppe Piazzi B. 1746 - d. July 22, 1826 Was an Italian priest, mathematician and astronomer. He established an observatory in Palermo</p>	<p>8 Artemisia Gentileschi B. 1593 - d. 1656 Was an Italian early Baroque painter considered one of the most accomplished influenced by Caravaggio</p>	<p>9 Mitchel Tate Musso B. 1593 An American actor and musician, best known for his role as Oliver Oken in "Hannah Montana"</p>	<p>10 On this day in history in 1976 was The Seveso Disaster, an industrial accident resulting in the highest known exposure to a chemical in a residential area</p>	<p>11 Connor Paolo B. 1990 An American actor perhaps best known for his portrayal of the adolescent Alexander the Great</p>	<p>12 Leopaldi Mastelloni B. 1945 in Naples An Italian actor, film director and singer</p>	<p>13 Gaius Julius Caesar B. 101bc - d. Mar. 15, 44bc Was a Roman military & political leader who played a role in the transformation of the Roman Republic</p>
<p>14 Peter Panto D. 1939 - b. Sept. 13, 1910 Was a longshoreman. Was kidnapped and killed for leading revolt against the union leadership</p>	<p>15 Vilfredo Federico Pareto B. 1848 - d. Aug. 19, 1923 Was an Italian industrialist, sociologist and philosopher. He was the creator of the Pareto Principal</p>	<p>16 Goffredo Petrassi B. 1904 - d. March 3, 2003 Was an Italian composer of modern classical music, conductor and teacher</p>	<p>17 Anthony Fornelli, Esq PNP 1988, d. 2017 Chicago, IL Chapter He was the creator of the "Fra Noi" Italian American Newspaper</p>	<p>18 Salvatore A. Davino B. 1941 - d. Jan. 17, 2021 Was the commissioner of the Italian American Heritage Commission</p>	<p>19 Giuseppe Castiglione B. 1688 - d. July 17, 1766 Was an Italian Jesuit brother, missionary in China and painter at the court of the Emperor</p>	<p>20 Francesco Petrarca B. 1304 - d. July 19, 1374 Was an Italian scholar and poet. He is often called the "Father of Humanism"</p>
<p>21 On this day in history in 1899 was the lynching of Italian Americans in Tallulah, LA. Five Italian Americans were hanged</p>	<p>22 On this day in history in 1943, allied forces captured the Italian city of Palermo, freeing it from occupation</p>	<p>23 Nancy Savoca B. 1959 and raised in the Bronx, NY. An Italian film screenwriter, director and producer. Daughter of Italian and Argentine immigrants</p>	<p>24 Dominick Nicastro PNP 2016 Garfield, NJ</p>	<p>25 Agostino Steffani B. 1653 - d. Feb. 12, 1728 Was an Italian ecclesiastic diplomat and composer</p>	<p>26 Richard "Dick" Grasso B. 1946 in Jackson Heights, NY. He was chairman and CEO of the New York Stock Exchange from 1995-2003</p>	<p>27 Ludovico Sforza B. 1452 - d. May 27, 1508 Was duke of Milan and a member of the Sforza dynasty in Milan, Italy</p>
<p>28 On this day in history in 1943, San Marino, Italy was liberated from Facism</p>	<p>29 Michael J. D'Arminio PNP 1929, d. 2013 Hackensack, NJ Renato Biribin PNP 1940, d. 2019 Plainfields, NJ</p>	<p>30 On this day in history in 1629, an earthquake in Naples, Italy killed 10,000 people</p>	<p>31 Alessandro Algardi B. 1598 - d. June 10, 1654 Was an Italian high Baroque sculptor active almost exclusively in Rome</p>	<p>San Gimignano is a small walled, medieval hill town in the province of Siena, Tuscany, north-central Italy. Known as the Town of Fine Towers, San Gimignano is famous for its medieval architecture. The town also is known for saffron, the Golden Ham, and its white wine, Vernaccia di San Gimignano, produced from the ancient variety of Vernaccia grape which is grown on the sandstone hillsides of the area.</p>		

Brian Guarco, CT
Brian's home town in Italy
Salogni Piemonte



August | agosto 2024

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Brian Guarco's family town of Salogni Piemonte, Provincia Alessandria
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	<p>The village of Salogni belongs to the municipality of Fabbrica Curone, which is in the province of Alessandria, a region of Piemonte. Salogni is located 250 miles Northwest of Rome. Genoa is 25 miles Southwest</p>			<p>1 Dominick "Dom" DeLuise B. 1933 - d. May 4, 2009 Was an American actor, comedian, film director, television producer, chef and author</p>	<p>2 Jon R. Caviani B. 1943 - d. July 29, 2014 Was a retired Army soldier and recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor for actions in the Vietnam War</p>	<p>3 Paul Alongi UNICO PNP 1975 Bloomfield NJ</p>
<p>4 Michael DeLuise Born 1969 Is an American actor and producer and the second son of Dom DeLuise and Carol Arthur</p>	<p>5 Antonio Cesti B. 1623 - d. Oct. 14, 1669 An Italian composer, organist and tenor. Was the most celebrated Italian musician of his generation</p>	<p>6 Barbara Strozzi B. 1619 - d. Nov. 11, 1677 Was an Italian Baroque singer and composer</p>	<p>7 On this day in history In 1427, the Visconti of Milan's fleet was destroyed by the Venetians on the Po River</p>	<p>8 On this day in history In 117 AD., Hadrian became Emperor at the death of Trajan. Imperial Italy was at its greatest expanse</p>	<p>9 Cav, Joseph Agresti UNICO PNP 2007 Passaic Valley NJ</p>	<p>10 Count Camillo di Cavour B. 1810 - d. 1861 Was a leading figure in the movement toward Italian unification. He was born in Torino</p>
<p>11 Giorgio Cavaglieri B. 1911 - d. May 15, 2007 Was an Italian American architectural preservationist. Best known for restoring the Jefferson Market Library</p>	<p>12 Giovanni Gabrieli B. 1554/1557 - d. Aug, 1612 Was an Italian composer and organist</p>	<p>13 Salvador Edward Luria B. 1912 - d. Feb. 6, 1991 Was an Italian born American microbiologist and winner of the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine</p>	<p>14 Paolo Sarpi B. 1552 - d. Jan. 15, 1623 Was an Italian patriot, scientist and church reformer</p>	<p>15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary — Ferragosto is a public holiday celebrated in all of Italy on this day</p>	<p>16 Saint John Bosco B. 1815 - d. Jan. 31, 1888 Was born Giovanni Bosco and known in English as Don Bosco. Was an Italian Catholic priest</p>	<p>17 On this day in history In 1978 it was the First Transatlantic Balloon Flight by Ben Abruzzo and his partners</p>
<p>18 Ralph Celli B. 1919 - d. March 6, 1944 Was a US Army Air Corps Major. Was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor on Aug. 18, 1943</p>	<p>19 Emperor Augustus D. 14 AD He was founder of the Roman Empire, which he ruled for 40 years</p>	<p>20 Salvatore Quasimodo B. 1901 - d. June 14, 1968 Was an Italian author, and won the 1959 Nobel Prize for Literature for poetry</p>	<p>21 Giacomo Maraldi B. 1665 - d. Dec. 1, 1729 Was a French-Italian astronomer and discovered that polar ice caps on Mars change size</p>	<p>22 Bruno Pontecorvo B. 1913 - d. Sept. 24, 1993 Was an Italian-born atomic physicist and assistant to Enrico Fermi</p>	<p>23 Thomas D'Alessandro B. 1901 - d. Aug. 23, 1987 Was an Italian politician who was a US Congressman representing Maryland's 3rd congressional district</p>	<p>24 On this day in history In 79 AD, Mt. Vesuvius erupted and buried Pompeii and Herculaneum</p>
<p>25 Andy Varipapi Born Mar. 31, 1891 - D. 1984 He developed bowling into a professional sport</p>	<p>26 Mark Thomas Mangino Born 1956 Was the coach of the University of the Kansas Jayhawks football team. In 2007 he was Coach of the Year</p>	<p>27 Duke Alessandro Farnese B. 1545 - d. Dec. 3, 1592 Was an Italian General in the Spanish Army</p>	<p>28 Vittorio Sella B. 1859 - d. Aug. 12, 1943 Was an Italian photographer and mountaineer and regarded as one of the finest</p>	<p>29 Victor Hugo "Vic" Schiro Born May 6, 1904 - d. 1992 Was an American politician who was the Mayor of New Orleans, LA</p>	<p>30 Giuseppe "Joe" Petrosino B. 1860 - d. March 12, 1909 Was a NYC police officer. He was a pioneer in the fight against organized crime</p>	<p>31 Amilcare Ponchielli B. 1834 - d. Jan. 16, 1886 Was an Italian composer, mostly of operas</p>

See you Labor Day Weekend
From the Scranton Chapter of UNICO National

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Tyrrhenian Sea Coastline of Cefalu, Sicily
Sal Mangano PNP, Saddle Brook Chapter, NJ

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1 Raffaele Giammaria B. 1977 An Italian racing car driver	2 Labor Day	3 "Nino" Farina B. 1950 Became the first Formula One Drivers' champion when he won the 1950 Italian Grand Prix	4 Antonio Agliardi B. 1832 - d. May 1, 1915 A Roman Catholic Cardinal, archbishop, and papal diplomat. Born at Cologno al Serio, Province of Bergamo	5 On this day in 1938, Achille Gaggia applied for a patent for the first modern steamless coffee machine to be used commercially in his coffee bar	6 Lawrence Lucchino B. 1945 An American lawyer. Best known as an executive in Major League Baseball	7 Giuseppe Bartolomeo Chiari B. March 10, 1654 - d. 1727 An Italian painter and the most faithful pupil of Carlo Maratti
8 Grandparents Day	9 Roberto Donadoni B. 1963 A former Italian International footballer and manager	10 Luzzasco Luzzaschi C. 545 - d. 1607 An Italian composer, organist, and teacher of the late Renaissance	11 Brian De Palma B. 1940 An American film director and writer. Best known for his successes with <i>Carrie</i> , <i>Dressed to Kill</i> , and <i>Scarface</i>	12 Vezio Sacratini B. 1966 A retired Italian-Canadian ice hockey player who played for Italy in the 1994 Winter Olympics	13 Anthony Talamo Rossi B. 1900 - d. Jan. 24, 1993 An Italian immigrant who founded Tropicana Products	14 Renzo Piano B. 1937 A world renowned Italian architect and recipient of the Pritzker Architecture Prize
15 Ettore Bugatti B. 1881 - d. Aug. 21, 1947 An Italian automobile designer and manufacturer	16 Giuseppe (Joe) Venuti B. 1903 - d. Aug. 14, 1978 An American jazz musician and violinist. Considered the father of jazz violin	17 Durastante Natalucci B. 1687 - d. May 22, 1772 An American historian who specialized in the history of Trevi, in Umbria	18 Air Force Birthday	19 Giuseppe Mezzofanti B. 1774 - d. Mar. 15, 1849 An Italian cardinal and linguist who spoke thirty-nine languages	20 Asia Argento B. 1975 An Italian TV and film actress and director	21 Scott Edward Spiezio B. 1972 A former Major League Baseball third baseman. Also played for the Newark Bears
22 Autumn Begins	23 Bruce Springsteen B. 1958 Aka "The Boss" is an American singer-songwriter. His mother was of Italian ancestry	24 Gerolamo Cardano B. 1501 - d. Sept 21, 1576 An Italian Renaissance mathematician, physician and astrologer	25 Aldo Ray B. 1926 - d. Mar. 27, 1991 An American actor who was a US Navy frogman serving in WWII in Okinawa	26 Salvatore Accardo B. 1941 An Italian violin virtuoso and conductor	27 Romano Scarpa B. 1927 - d. Apr. 28, 2005 One of the most famous Italian creators of Disney comics	28 Marcello Mastroianni B. 1924 - d. Dec. 19, 1996 An Italian film actor. His honors have included 2 Golden Globe Awards
29 Gnaeus Pompeius Magnus B. 106BC - d. Sept. 29, 49BC A military and political leader of the late Roman Republic	30 Dr. Peter Pettinato UNICO PNP 2022 Carbondale PA		Cefalù is located on the northern coast of Sicily. The town, with its population of just under 14,000, is one of the major tourist attractions in the region. The Cathedral of Cefalù is a Roman Catholic basilica. It is one of nine structures included in the UNESCO World Heritage. The cathedral was erected between 1131 and 1240.			

A narrow, cobblestone street in a stone village. The buildings are made of rough-hewn stone and have small windows with green shutters. Flower boxes with pink and red flowers are attached to the walls. In the background, a church tower with a dome and a bell tower is visible against a backdrop of green hills. A yellow flag with a logo and the Italian flag are flying from a pole on the right side of the street.

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October | ottobre 2024

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Cobble Stone Street in Spello
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		1 On this day in 1943, Allied forces captured Naples Italy. The town was left in ruins and needed to be rebuilt	2 Don McLean III B. 1945 - An American singer-songwriter famous for the 1971 music American Pie. His mothers family is from Abruzzo, Italy	3 Franco Cristaldi B. 1924 - d. July 1, 1992 Was an Italian film producer	4 Pietro Consagra B. 1920 - d. July 16, 2005 Was one of Italy's post war sculptors. He was born in Mazara del Vallo, a town in western Sicily	5 Francesco Lazzaro Guardi B. 1712 - d. Jan. 1, 1793 Was an Italian painter of veduta, a member of the Venetian school
6 Mario Renato Capecchi B. 1937 - An Italian born American molecular geneticist and co-winner of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine	7 On this day in history in 1990, was founded the Center for Italian and Italian American Culture. Its mission is to preserve and promote the Italian culture	8 Stephen Michael Paler B. 1949 - Was an American League Baseball umpire from 1977 - 1991. His career ended when he was shot in the back of his neck	9 Candito Jacuzzi Inventor of the whirlpool bath. He died on this date in 1986, at the age of 83	10 1922 UNICO is founded by Dr. Vastola He started it with the first chapter of Waterbury CT	11 Victor Fazio, Jr. B. 1942 - d. March 16, 2022 A former Congressman from California	12 On this day in history in 1492, Cristoforo Colombo landed in the New World
13 Navy's Birthday	14 Columbus Day	15 Lido "Lee" Iacocca B. 1924 - d. July 2, 2019 Best know for the revival of Chrysler in the 1980's. Served as CEO from 1978 until 1992\	16 Maria Goretti B. 1890 - d. July 6, 1902 An Italian virgin/martyr of the Catholic Church and one of its youngest canonized saints	17 Bartolommeo Brandini B. 1493 - d. Feb. 7, 1560 Was an Italian Renaissance sculptor, draughtsman and painter	18 Louis DeFillippo B. 1915 - Was a decorated member of the Army's European Theater and was a UNICO National Sergeant of Arms for many years	19 The Battle of Zama in 202BC - Roman legions during the second Punic War under Scipio Africanus, defeated Hannibal Barca
20 Angela Alioto B. 1949—An attorney, politician and founder of the Knights of St. Francis at the Porziuncola Nuova	21 Louis "Lou" Lamoriello B. 1942 - An American profession NHL ice hockey executive and General Manager	22 Brian Anthony Boitano B. 1963 - An Italian American figure skater and winner of the Gold Medal in the Winter Olympics	23 Francis "Frank" Rizzo B. 1920 - d. July 16, 1991 Was an American police officer and politician. Served two terms as mayor of Philadelphia	24 Tito Gobbi B. 1913 - d. March 5, 1984 Was an Italian baritone with an international reputation	25 Primo Carnera B. 1906 - d. June 29, 1967 Was the boxing Heavyweight Champion of the World who lost his crown to Joe Louis	26 Natalie Anne Merchant B. 1963 - a professional musician who played for the band "10,000 Maniacs" from 1981 thru 1993. She has a contralto vocal range
27 Roberto Benigni B. 1952 - An Italian award winning actor, writer and director, widely known as one of the most popular comics of Italian cinema	28 Paul DiGaetano B. 1953 - An American politician who served in the New Jersey General Assembly	29 Charles Atlas B. 1892 - d. Dec. 24, 1972 Birth name Angelo Siciliano. He was a pioneer of body-building	30 On this day in history in 1137 was the Battle of Rignano between Ranulf of Apulia and Roger II of Sicily	31 Louis Brian Piccolo B. 1943 - d. June 16, 1970 Was an NFL football player with the Chicago Bears. He was the subject in the movie "Brian's Song"	The densely inhabited town of Spello is located in eastern-central Umbria. It was built with stone and still retains its medieval aspect. The town is enclosed with medieval walls and incorporated the remains of an amphitheater.	

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The Beach in Giardini Naxos, Sicily
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	<p>Giardini Naxos is a resort town with the focus very much on the area around the beach. The town is pleasant and pretty with its attractively painted buildings and abundance of flowers and palm trees along the main street. It has a good selection of cafes and restaurants and accommodation. The resort is more low-key than nearby Taormina and also less expensive. For lovers of the sea and beach, the Bay of Naxos has sandy beaches and a backdrop of hills around much of the bay. It is a resort particular popular with young people.</p>				<p>1 All Saints Day</p>	<p>2 All Souls Day</p>
<p>3 On this day in history in 1932 was the Battle of Mentana. Garibaldi was defeated by the French-Papal troops when he tried to capture Rome</p>	<p>4 Ralph George Macchio B. 1961 - He is an American actor best known for his role in The Karate Kid</p>	<p>5 On this day in history in 1994: Ella T. Grasso was elected the governor of Connecticut. She became the first woman elected governor in the U.S.</p>	<p>6 Peter John DeLuise B. 1966 - He is an actor, director, producer and screen writer. He is the son of the late Dom DeLuise</p>	<p>7 Dr. Alfred Maglio UNICO PNP 1989 - d. 2023 Milwaukee, WI</p>	<p>8 Vincent Cavallaro B. 1912 - d. May 22, 1985 He was a painter, sculptor and abstract artist. He was a US citizen raised and educated in Milan, Italy</p>	<p>9 Louis Ferrigno B. 1951 - He is best known as a bodybuilder and actor. His most memorable role was as the Incredible Hulk in the 1980's TV</p>
<p>10 Marine Corps Birthday</p>	<p>11 Veterans Day</p>	<p>12 On this day in history in 2003: The first Italian casualties were reported in the Nasiriya, Iraq war. At least 23 people were killed</p>	<p>13 James Kimmel B. 1967 - An American television host, writer, producer and comedian. His mother was from Ischia, Naples</p>	<p>14 Laura San Giacomo B. 1962 - An American actress best know for her role as Maya Chapel on the sitcom "Just Shoot Me" and as Kit in "Pretty Woman"</p>	<p>15 On this day in history in 1512: Michelangelo's ceiling painting, in the Sistine Chapel, is first seen by the general public</p>	<p>16 Anthony Gaglioti UNICO PNP 1984 - d. 2017 Hackensack, NJ</p>
<p>17 Daniel "Danny" DeVito Jr. B. 1944 - An American actor, director and producer. He is gained prominence for his role as Louis DePalma on the sitcom Taxi</p>	<p>18 On this day in history in 1493, Columbus sighted Puerto Rico</p>	<p>19 Ray Campanella B. 1921 - d. June 26, 1993 Was an American baseball player. Was considered one of the best catchers of all time</p>	<p>20 Jerry Colangelo B. 1939 An American businessman and sports executive. Was owner of the Phoenix Suns and Arizona Diamondbacks</p>	<p>21 Thanksgiving Day William Rocco UNICO PNP 2000 W. Springfield, MA</p>	<p>22 Tom Conti B. 1941 A Scottish actor, theatre director and novelist. His father was Italian.</p>	<p>23 Mary Loretta Landrieu B. 1955 She was the senior US Senator from the state of Louisiana</p>
<p>24 Carlo Lorenzini B. 1826 - d. Oct. 26, 1890 Better known as Carlo Collodi and author of the fairy tale novel, The Adventures of Pinocchio</p>	<p>25 Rosanna Schiaffano B. 1939 - d. Oct. 17, 2009 She was an Italian film actress</p>	<p>26 Enrico Bombieri B. 1940 An Italian mathematician born in Milan, Italy. Best know for his works in number theory</p>	<p>27 Giovanni Giorgi B. 1871 - d. Aug. 19, 1950 An Italian physicist who developed the Giorgi International System of Measurement (aka "mksa")</p>	<p>28 David "Dave" Righetti B. 1958 — Was a pitcher for the NY Yankees and known for being the first to throw a no-hitter and lead the league in saves</p>	<p>29 Janet Napolitano B. 1957 Was the first woman to serve in the role as Secretary of Homeland Security in the United States</p>	<p>30 Andres Marcelo Nocioni B. 1979 A retired professional basketball player</p>



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December | dicembre 2024

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The Church of Santa Maria in Assisi
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1 Stephanie Finochio B. 1971 - aka Trinity. She is an Italian stuntwoman and retired professional wrestler	2 On this day in history in 1941, was created the Civil Air Patrol, by Fiorello LaGuardia. He was the 99th mayor of NYC from 1934 to 1945	3 Alicia Marie Sacramone B. 1987 Was a member of the Silver Medal U.S. Artistic Gymnastics team at the 2008 Beijing Olympics	4 Count Gasparo Gozzi B. 1713 - d. Dec. 26, 1786 Was an Italian critic and dramatist	5 Frank Caperino UNICO PNP 2003 National Member CA	6 Cav. Joseph Coccia UNICO PNP 1976 - d. 2013 Kearny NJ Chapter	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	
8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception This day is a National Holiday in Italy	9 Baldassare Ferri B. 1610 - d. Sept. 10, 1680 Was an Italian castrato singer	10 Roberto Cassinelli B. 1956 An Italian politician and lawyer and a member of the Italian Chamber of Deputies	11 John Buscema B. 1927 - d. Jan. 10, 2002 Born Giovanni Buscema, was an American comic book artist and one of the mainstays of Marvel Comics	12 Connie Francis B. 1938 Born Concetta Rosa Maria Franconero. An American pop singer. Top charting female of the 1950's	13 1636 National Guard Birthday	14 Craig Biggio B. 1965 Was a Major League Baseball player for the Houston Astros	
15 Nicholas "Nick" Buoniconti B. 1940 Was an NFL Hall of Fame middle linebacker for the Boston Patriots and Miami Dolphins	16 On this day in history The Coccia Foundation was formed by Cav. Joseph and Elda Coccia in 1994	17 Giovanni Rabisi B. 1974 He is an American actor	18 Jeremy Lee Accordo B. 1981 Was a Major League pitchers for the Toronto Blue Jays	19 Casey Crescenzo B. 1983 A singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, most notably for the band The Dear Hunter	20 Benito "Veleno" Lorenzi B. 1925 - d. March 3, 2007 Was an Italian soccer player	21 Winter begins Ray Romano B. 1957 An American comedian and actor	
22 Cesare Cremonini B. 1550 - d. July 19, 1631 Was an Italian professor of natural philosophy	23 Susan Victoria Lucci B. 1946 An actress best known for her iconic role as Erica Kane on the soap opera All My Children	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Frederick II of Hohenstaufen B. 1194 - d. Dec. 13, 1250 Was a Holy Roman Emperor, King of Jerusalem, Germany, Italy, Burgundy and Sicily	27 Christopher Del Sesto B. 1907 - d. Dec. 27, 1973 Was the 64th Governor of Rhode Island	28 Vanessa Ferlito B. 1980 in Brooklyn, NY She is an American actress	
29 Stefano Eranio B. 1966 An Italian Soccer player best known for his time on AC Milan and Derby County	30 Concetta Tomei B. 1945 An actress in American theater, film and television	31 New Years Eve Bianca Maria Sforza B. April 5 1472 - d. 1510 Holy Roman Empress as the 2nd wife of Maximilian I	The Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels. It is situated in the plain, at the foot of the hill of Assisi, Italy. The basilica was constructed between 1569 and 1679, enclosing the 9th-century little church, the Porziuncola, the most sacred place for the Franciscans. It was here that the young Francis of Assisi understood his vocation and renounced the world in order to live in poverty among the poor, and thus started the Franciscan movement.				

What is UNICO?

UNICO National is America's largest Italian American service and charitable organization with many local chapters across the country. UNICO was founded on October 10, 1922 in Waterbury, Connecticut, by Dr. Vastola. Dr. Vastola was a physician and was denied membership in a service organization solely because of his Italian Heritage. To counteract this bias, he assembled a group of 15 professional men of Italian heritage to create, what has become a very special and proud organization to engage in charitable works, support higher education, and perform patriotic deeds to counteract bias against Italians and Italian Americans.



The name UNICO was selected as best representing the nature and character of this fledging organization. UNICO is the Italian word for unique - one of a kind. The founders believed that UNICO would be the only one of its kind because it placed service to the community before and above fraternity.

In order to do this, members would have to make sacrifices, not for personal gain, but for service to others. In later years UNICO also became an acronym that stood for Unity, Neighborliness, Integrity, Charity and Opportunity.

A Promise that Continues to be Delivered

Since the inception of UNICO National, thousands of people and causes have been the recipients of UNICO's charity and service. Significant funds have been raised for national and international disasters. Scholarships continue as the primary focus with over one-third of funds raised going to deserving students from chapter locations across the USA.



Cav. Ralph Contini
UNICO National President
2023-2024
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UNICO has funded for many years, major research in Cooley's Anemia and Mental Health. Through its association with the Jimmy V Foundation, UNICO has funded many direct annual cancer research grants. UNICO has taken a head position in combating negative stereotyping of Italian Americans through the efforts of its Anti-Bias Committee.

All of these, plus more efforts have exceeded the objectives of UNICO founders. Through the local UNICO chapters across the country, this organization is living up to its motto of "Service Above Self" every day, along with enjoying the camaraderie and friendship of our extended UNICO family across the country.

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