

NOVEMBER 2018



ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION BRANCH NO. 191

Meet at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Family Community, Essig Hall.
15333 Woodard Rd, San Jose CA 95124
Dinner Meeting: 4th Wednesday every month, 6 PM.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members,

It is with a heavy heart that I say goodbye to Liz Donaldson. We had our differences, but I truly respected her, her strong will, and her devotion to the Italian Catholic Federation. I will greatly miss her. I want to congratulate our newly elected officers for the year of 2019. We have a great Board and you can expect a great year in 2019.

Please attend our Turkey Bingo meeting, on November 14th in Essig Hall, starting at 6:30pm. **This will be a DESSERT only meeting.** After a short meeting, we will play **BINGO**. Steve Catching graciously agreed to call the numbers and the prizes will be turkeys and cash. Buy a book of 6 games or two books. Be sure to eat before you come to the meeting.

Please also plan to honor our Patron Saint, St. Frances Cabrini on November 11 at the 11:30am Mass. We will process around the Church grounds at 11:00am, saying the Rosary in 5 different languages, attend Mass and meet in Essig Hall after Mass for cookies and coffee.

JIM JONES President
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ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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| Nov. 5, '18 | Open Board Meeting
Parish Center 7 PM
Hostess, Shirley Catania |
| Nov. 11, '18 | St.Frances Cabrini Pilgrimage
Line up 10:45am
Process 11:00am
Mass 11:30am
Lunch 1:00pm |
| Nov. 14, '18 | Turkey BINGO – Desert Only
Service Award given out.
Essig Hall 6:30pm. |
| Dec. 3, '18 | Board Christmas Party
Jim and Janice's home
Time TBA |
| Dec. 8, '18 | Branch Christmas Party
Essig Hall 4 PM
Serving Pizza |

2019 CALENDAR TBA.

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CONVENTION NEWS

The 2018 San Diego Convention is now our history. Our delegates Debbie Piro and George Midwin gave this reporter some real insight into their experiences at the convention. Debbie stated, "It was like a boost of energy. You come back so refreshed and enlightened by all the love and joy". George used words like, "Enlightening, Entertaining, Fun, Informative." Convention is a time of learning, exploring, and networking with our other branches. It is now time to think of next year's convention. Time to get involved and participate.

Our own, Jo Bertaccini, was given the award of Grand President for 2018. A job well done and well deserved. Branch #191 is so very grateful and proud for all that she does to make us a huge success. A hardy Congratulations.

Speaking of fall, our Bocce court is now closed. Summer fun will return next year. We will have new awning covers for our eating area. Please come by and see our exciting new look next year, and take part in some summer activities.

The October 20, 2018 Wine Tasting/Dinner Dance, was a "Slam Dunk", with "Bay Area Sports" as our theme. We "Hit A Home Run" with Tri-tip, salad, potatoes, and "Run Down the End Zone" with Pumpkin Pie. It was an "Error" by being "Shut Out" by not attending. "Drafted" neighbors and friends attended. A full "Bullpen" made it more fun!!!!

As Thanksgiving is fast approaching, let us give thanks each and every day for God's blessings. And think of those less fortunate. A kind word goes a long way.

May we pray for our sick and confined members.

Shirley Catania
Sentinel

ST. FRANCES CABRINI ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD AND TOY DRIVE

This event is sponsored by the SFC Men's Club, Italian Catholic Federation Branch 191, and the SFC Mexican Catholic Organization. As in years past, assistance is provided to those in our Parish and the Cambrian Park area, also to Christ the King Parish, as well as Star of the Sea Parish. Assistance is planned for over 350 families at both the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Food Box days and we strive to provide each family at both holidays with a turkey or ham and a box of food.

The date for our Thanksgiving food distribution is [Saturday, November 17th](#). Christmas food distribution is [Saturday, December 15th](#).

Our St. Frances Cabrini parish community have always been so generous in both financial support, as well as donations of food and toys. If you can assist us with financial support, ***please make checks out to "St. Frances Cabrini Men's Club"***, and in the memo section of the check, please note ***"Holiday Food Drive"***. Place cash or check in an envelope marked "Holiday Food Drive" and place it in the Sunday collection basket or bring the donation directly to the Parish Office.

This operation is handled completely by volunteers. With no overhead, every penny of your donation goes directly to those we serve.

We are looking for the following food donations for both holidays: **canned soups and stews, pasta, pasta sauce, boxed mashed potato's, bagged potato's, yams, gravy, stove top stuffing, croutons, baked beans, dry beans, flour, packaged rice, canned tuna, canned salmon, cereal, oatmeal, noodles, spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, seasoning packs/packet's, peanut butter, jams, jellies, canned cranberry sauce, canned fruit, canned green beans, dry fruit, nuts, trail mix, crackers, bags of candy canes, canned ham, chicken or other meats. Turkeys and canned hams** round out a box of good solid food so the families we serve can look forward to having the ability to cook a nice meal for their families.

Please place food donations in the boxes labeled "Holiday Food Drive" in the Vestibule of the Church. Also accepting donations of clothing and other gently used items. Bring items the day of the distribution, or contact John Dahl or the Parish Office to donate prior to those dates.

Volunteers of Time and Talent on either distribution date, meet in the SFC gym starting at 7:30 am, and are usually done by noon. Thank you for your continued support of our annual Food and Toy Drive. Questions - Please contact **John Dahl 408-807-5756, jkdassociates@gmail.com** .