

# ITALEO Newsletter



**NEXT MEETING**  
**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Tuesday, July 8th**  
**6:00 PM**

Sicilian Sports Club  
1296 E. Ridge Rd.  
Rochester, NY 14621

**RSVP by 7/4/25 @ 8PM**

*Happy  
Independence Day!*



**NEXT EVENT**  
**ANNUAL PICNIC**

**Saturday, August 9th**  
**Noon to 4:00 PM**

St. Paul Exempt  
690 Thomas Ave.  
Irondequoit, NY

[Purchase Tickets HERE](#)





# ITALEO SUMMER PICNIC 2025

August 9th,  
2025  
12Pm-4Pm

St. Paul Exempt  
690 Thomas Ave  
Rochester, NY 14617



 **LIVE**  
**MUSIC**  
BY

**FREE**

THE RHYTHM DOGS

50/50  
NORTHCOAST CATERING  
NESTINS ICE CREAM @3PM  
BOCCEE TOURNAMENT STARTS @2PM

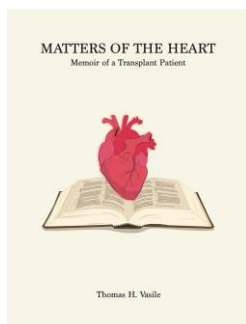
Link to purchase tickets online

[https://www.italéo.org/event-  
details/annual-italéo-summer-picnic](https://www.italéo.org/event-details/annual-italéo-summer-picnic)



**Members**  
\$10  
**Non-Members**  
\$20  
**Kids Ages 6-14**  
\$5  
**Kids 5 & Under**  
Free  
**Bring a store-  
bought dessert!**



EXECUTIVE BOARD**President***Jessica Franco*BOARD OF DIRECTORS**Vice President***Anthony DiFante***Treasurer***Charles Zona***Sgt at Arms***Mark D'Angelo***Secretary***Ed Bernabei*BOARD OF OFFICERS**Membership***Heidi Zimmer***Corresponding Secretary***Ellie Bonagura***Digital Coordinator***Rosalina Hosbach***Event Coordinator***Julia Sardellitti***Food & Beverage Coordinator***Sam Meloni***Thomas H. Vasile**

Thomas Vasile is an Associate Pastor at Calvary Chapel of Rochester and a member of the Flower City Chaplains Corps. After a thirty-three-year career in law enforcement (retired MCSO Sergeant), he was stricken with heart failure and became a candidate for a heart transplant. After God directed him through a successful heart transplant, he was called to be a pastor and Bible teacher. He credits his healthy life to God's saving work.

Tom authored a book on his transplant experience. Matters of the Heart: Memoir of a Transplant Patient is available in Paperback or Kindle through Amazon. Tom was one of our guest speakers at our June 2024 Membership Meeting. God bless you, Tom!

Link to Amazon to purchase his book or learn more:

[https://www.amazon.com/Matters-Heart-Memoir-Transplant-Patient-ebook/dp/B0FBPKZ8L1?ref\\_=ast\\_author\\_mpb](https://www.amazon.com/Matters-Heart-Memoir-Transplant-Patient-ebook/dp/B0FBPKZ8L1?ref_=ast_author_mpb)



**Thank you,  
Officer Gramlich  
& K9 Ranger**



Photo courtesy of Joe Giorgi.

Thank you, Joe, for a great photo of Officer Gramlich & Ranger.

**60 Years**

We honor ITALEO's Chaplin, Father Joe on his 60th Anniversary in the priesthood! For six decades, Father Joe has been a beacon of kindness, wisdom, and unwavering faith. His gentle presence, compassionate heart, and joyful spirit have touched countless lives and inspired us all to walk a little closer with God. We are deeply grateful for the love and light you've shared with our community. Thank you, Father Joe, for saying "yes" to your calling and for being the incredible, kind soul that you are. Happy 60th Anniversary! ❤️



## Upcoming Events:

July 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Irondequoit 2-Day 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration</i>
July 12 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Corn Hill Arts Festival</i>
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>ARPALER Member Picnic Braddock's Bay Park</i>
August 1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Italian Food Festival IACC</i>
August 5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Irondequoit National Night Out Starting at 5:30PM</i>
August 8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Hoochenanny Music &amp; Whiskey Festival Camp Eastman</i>
August 9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>ITALEO Annual Picnic</i>
August 9 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Brockport Arts Festival</i>
August 12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Italian American Heritage Night at the Ball Park Red Wings Event</i>
August 30 <sup>th</sup>	<i>De Cecco Little Italy Festival Ontario Beach Park</i>
September 6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>ITALEO Annual Sharon Rivaldo Fall Cruise on the Colonial Belle 12PM – 2PM</i>
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>ICL Columbus Day Luncheon @ IACC</i>
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	<i>ITALEO Annual Christmas Party ***New Location*** Webster Golf Course</i>
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Breakfast with Santa IASC</i>

## Please Note:

Our own Sam Meloni is being honored at this year's ICL Columbus Day Luncheon at IACC.

Your ITALEO Board will try to put together several reserved ITALEO tables for this event.

If you are interested in attending, please reach out to Rosalina Hosbach via email:

[Rosalina.hosbach@gmail.com](mailto:Rosalina.hosbach@gmail.com) or  
[italeorochester@gmail.com](mailto:italeorochester@gmail.com)

## RECIPE CORNER

### Caprese Pasta Salad

#### Ingredients:

- 1 pound pasta (rotini, penne, or your favorite shape)
- 1-pint cherry tomatoes, halved
- 8 ounces fresh mozzarella balls (bocconcini) halved or quartered
- ¼ cup fresh basil leaves, chopped
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- Salt & pepper to taste

#### Instructions:

1. Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain and rinse with cold water.
2. In a large bowl, combine cooked pasta, tomatoes, mozzarella, and basil.
3. In a small bowl, whisk together olive oil, balsamic vinegar, salt, and pepper.
4. Pour dressing over pasta salad and toss to combine.
5. Serve immediately or chill for later.



If you'd like to submit an Italian Recipe to include in the next newsletter, please email us at:

[italeorochester@gmail.com](mailto:italeorochester@gmail.com)