

# Evviva LA FESTA!

*Each year, more than three-dozen Italian patron saint celebrations grace the Chicago area. At press time, information was available on the following events.*

## ■ MAY 5

**THE FEAST OF SANT'AMATORE DI CELLAMARE** at Villa Scalabrini in Northlake is sponsored by the Sant'Amatore Society. It features a 12:30 p.m. Mass, followed by a procession and reception, then a 3:30 p.m. dinner dance at Alta Villa Banquets in Addison. Tickets for the dinner dance are \$65. A Novena will run from April 26 to May 4. (Frank DiNatale, 630-980-0752)

## ■ MAY 15

**THE ST. MARY OF SAMBUCA SOCIETY** will host a May Crowning at Porretta's Banquets in Chicago. The event will feature a blessing by the Rev. Feccia at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and entertainment by Johnny Maggio. The donation is \$50 per person. (Donna Tagli, 708-751-2839)

## ■ MAY 19

**THE FEAST OF ST. ELENA OF LAURINO** is hosted by the Devotees of St. Elena of Laurino. It features an 11 a.m. Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii in Chicago, followed by a luncheon at Pompei Restaurant. (Judi Campaigna, 847-577-9648)

## ■ JUNE 8-9

**THE FEAST OF SANT'ANTONIO** at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Rockford is sponsored by the parish. It features the traditional blessing of the bread at the 4:30 p.m. Mass on June 8, and at the 7 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. masses on June 9. (815-965-2761).

**THE FEAST OF SS. CROCIFISSO & SAN GIOVANNI BOSCO DI CIMINNA** at Maryville Academy in Des Plaines is sponsored by Società SS. Crocifisso & San Giovanni Bosco di Ciminna (Chicago). Festivities culminate on June 9 with a 12:30 p.m. Mass, followed by a procession with the Sicilian Band of Chicago and the traditional parade of horses, a family festival with food, live entertainment and evening fireworks. A vespers service at 6:30 p.m. on June 8 will be followed by live entertainment. (Frank Faraci, 847-577-8230)

## ■ JUNE 9

**THE FEAST OF SANT'ANTONIO** at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish & Shrine in Melrose Park is sponsored by the parish's St. Anthony Society. It features a 10:15 a.m. procession with Caliendo's Banda Napoletana and a 10:30 a.m.



AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 2:  
The Feast of Maria SS. Lauretana

Mass in Italian, followed by the veneration of the saint's relic, traditional blessing of the bread, procession through the streets and a reception in the gymnasium. The saint's feast day, June 13, will be celebrated by a 7:30 p.m. Mass followed by a small outdoor reception. A Triduum will be celebrated at 7:30 p.m. from June 10 to 12. (708-344-4140)

**THE FEAST OF SANT'ANTONIO** at St. Anthony Church in Chicago is sponsored by the parish. It features a 9 a.m. procession and 10 a.m. bilingual Mass, followed by a family festival with food, live entertainment and activities for children. (773-468-1200)

**THE FEAST OF SANTA LIBERATA DI PIZZONE** is sponsored by Società Santa Liberata di Pizzone. It features a 2:30 p.m. Mass at Divine Savior Church in Norridge, followed by a procession with Caliendo's Banda Napoletana, then a 6 p.m. dinner dance at Porretta's in Chicago. (Dominic Mancini, 312-415-6283)

## ■ JUNE 13

**THE FEAST OF SANT'ANTONIO** at Our Lady Mother of the Church in Chicago is sponsored by the Italian Catholic Federation Branch No. 439. It features a 7 p.m. Mass with the traditional blessing and distribution of bread, followed by a reception. (Anna Tamburello, 847-341-1847)

## ■ JUNE 30

**THE FEAST OF SAN PIO** at St. Francis Borgia Church in Chicago is sponsored by the Italian Catholic Federation Branch No. 392. It features a 3:30 p.m. Mass in Italian, followed by a procession with the Sicilian Band and a Sapori d'I-

talia buffet dinner. Tickets for the dinner are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children. (Teresa Helfand, 773-763-0507)

## ■ JULY 11-14

**THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL** at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish & Shrine in Melrose Park is sponsored by the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Feast Committee. Festivities culminate on July 14 with a 9 a.m. Mass in Italian, a procession to a field Mass at noon and a second procession featuring traditional festa music and ending with the benediction. A street festival with food and live entertainment will run from July 11 to 14. A Novena will run from July 5 to 13. Related events include the presentation of the banners at 7 p.m. on July 9, the presentation of the roses at 6 p.m. on July 10, and the memorial service for deceased members of the Feast Committee at 7 p.m. on July 11. The Blessed Mother's feast day, July 16, will be celebrated with a 7 p.m. Mass. (708-344-4140)

## ■ JULY 14

**THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL** in Jerome Huppert Woods at Fullerton and Thatcher avenues is sponsored by the Society of the Blessed Virgin of Mt. Carmel. It features a picnic that begins at 10 a.m. and includes a noon Mass. (Diana DiDomenico, 312-718-5219)

## ■ JULY 28

**THE FEAST OF BEATO GIOVANNI LICCIO** at Casa Italia in Stone Park is sponsored by Società Beato Giovanni Liccio di Caccamo. Festivities include a noon Mass, followed by a procession with the Sicilian Band of Chicago and a family festival featuring food, live entertainment and activities for children. A coroncina and Mass will be celebrated at Cappella Beato Giovanni in Chicago from July 21 to 26. (Joe Castellesse, 847-630-9083)

**FEAST OF MADONNA DEL CARMINE** is sponsored by Società Maria SS. del Carmine. It features a 12:30 p.m. Mass at Villa Scalabrini in Northlake, followed by a procession and refreshments. A Novena will run from July 19 to 27. (Antonia Favuzzi, 630-539-1433)

**FESTA DI TUTTI I SANTI** at The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii in Chicago is sponsored by the shrine. It features an 11 a.m. Mass and procession, followed by a family festival with food, live entertainment, a bocce contest, children's activities, a pictorial history of the Taylor Street neighborhood and a "Pot of Gold" raffle. (312-421-3757)