

CELEBRATE COLUMBUS DAY!

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Monday, October 9, 2023



Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans

Mass

Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii • Chicago

Start the day on an inspirational note in a setting that has sustained us spiritually for generations. Flowers will decorate the altar, music will fill the air, and the Rev. Richard Fragomeni will stir our souls with his moving Homily and Bishop Robert Lombardo will be officiating.

9:00 AM



Sergio Serritella
Columbus Parade Chairman

Wreath-Laying Ceremony

Arrigo Park • Chicago

Follow the 40-piece Notre Dame High School Marching Band and the regally attired Knights of Columbus in procession to Arrigo Park for a solemn wreath-laying ceremony in honor of our beloved Veterans.

10:30 AM



Opening Ceremony

State and Wacker • Chicago

Gather at State and Wacker for a first-ever pre-parade rally featuring uplifting speeches by local and visiting dignitaries and plenty of wonderful music amid a sea of Italian flags.

11:45 AM



OUR 71ST ANNUAL PARADE!

State, from Wacker to Van Buren • Chicago

Board your floats and line the route as State Street is once again transformed into a mighty river of green, white and red. Each float this year will salute an individual or aspect of our culture that makes us proud to be Italian American.

12:30 PM



Reception

Casa Italia • Festival Center • Stone Park

Converge on Casa Italia for an outdoor party like none other. Hundreds of post-parade revelers will gather under the shelter of the Festival Center for an entertainment extravaganza and abbondanza of delicious Italian food, all free of charge!

3:00 PM



AVOID THE FUSS! RIDE THE BUS!

Bus transportation will be available to and from Casa Italia. Buses depart at 7:00 a.m. for the Mass and 10:00 a.m. for the Parade. Tickets are \$20 per person and free for children 12 and under. Reservations MUST be made no later than October 3.

Antonia Bennett will serve as Honorary Grand Marshall in salute to the memory of her father, Tony Bennett.



The parade will be broadcast live on ABC7 and simulcast on ABC7.com.
To sign up for the bus or for more information about any of the above ...
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