

## 31 Days of Italians 2011 List for Italian American Heritage Month

### Oct. 1: *The Italian Immigrant*

A day to honor every Italian who journeyed to America from Italy.



### Oct. 2: *Amadeo Pietro Giannini*

Established the branch banking system in America.

### Oct. 3: *Guglielmo Marconi*

Known as the Father of Radio for his experiments with long distance wireless transmissions.

### Oct. 4: *Filippo Mazzei*

Supporter of American freedom during American Revolution. Thomas Jefferson's inclusion of "all men are created equal" into the Declaration of Independence is a paraphrase of Mazzei's "All men are by nature equally free and independent."

### Oct. 5: *Antonio Meucci*

Original holder of the patent for the forerunner of today's telephone.

### Oct. 6: *Ernest & Julio Gallo*

Founders of E & J Gallo Winery in 1933; now Gallo Family Vineyards, the largest family owned winery in the world.

### Oct. 7: *Mario Lanza*

Renowned tenor and film star in the mid-1950s.

### Oct. 8: *Helen Barolini*

Award winning author of more than 50 literary works.

### Oct. 9: *Father Pietro Bandini*

Missionary for Native Americans. In 1898 established Tontitown, "a perfect example of colonization," in Arkansas.

### Oct. 10: *Enrico Fermi*

Discovered radioactive elements that heralded the nuclear age.

### Oct. 11: *Antonio Pasin*

Created Radio Flyer wagon.

### Oct. 12: *Christopher Columbus*

Navigator that changed the world, opening trade routes and immigration from Europe to the Americas.

### Oct. 13: *Maria Montessori, M.D*

Developed an educational method for teaching children.

### Oct. 14: *Giovanni Caboto*

Explored the northeastern American continent for England.

### Oct. 15: *Lee Iacocca*

Responsible for the turnaround of Chrysler Corporation in the 1980s and established The Iacocca Foundation, providing grants to fund diabetes research.

### Oct. 16: *Dean Martin*

Popular 20th century entertainer of stage, screen, radio, and film.

### Oct. 17: *Mother Francis Xavier Cabrini*

First American citizen to become a saint.



### Oct. 18: *Enrico Caruso*

World's most acclaimed tenor in the early 1900s.



### Oct. 19: *John N. LaCorte*

Established the Italian Historical Society of America and was the driving force behind the naming of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge.

### Oct. 20: *Frank Capra*

Acclaimed 20th Century film director, best known for *It's a Wonderful Life*.

### Oct. 21: *Arturo Toscanini*

One of the world's greatest orchestra conductors.

### Oct. 22: *Giovanni Verrazzano*

First European explorer to enter the harbor of New York.

### Oct. 23: *Sabato Rodia*

Creator and builder of Watts Towers.

### Oct. 24: *Fiorello La Guardia*

First three-term Mayor of New York City, and credited for changing its landscape and building the foundation for the city's growth after the Depression.

### Oct. 25: *Amerigo Vespucci*

Namesake of America.

### Oct. 26: *Geraldine Ferraro*

First woman to be nominated on a major party ticket as Vice President of the United States.

### Oct. 27: *Constantino Brumidi*

The "Michelangelo of the (U.S.) Capitol."

### Oct. 28: *Daniela Gioseffi*

Award winning poet, writer, lecturer, and educator.



### Oct. 29: *Frank Sinatra*

International entertainment icon.

### Oct. 30: *Andrea Palladio*

"Father of Architecture," wrote *The Four Books on Architecture*, the most famous and influential books on architecture of all time, and still in print.

### Oct. 31: *Your Favorite Italian*

Celebrate someone not on the list, but greatly admired.

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