



## Join the Italian American Assoc. of Monmouth County for Ferragosto!

Every year, Italians celebrate the peak of summer and the start of vacation on August 15. A happy combination of ferie (holidays) and agosto (August), the national holiday presents the opportunity to escape the heat – but not before one last hurrah. Italians know how to enjoy themselves! Dating back centuries, Ferragosto traditionally marked the end of the harvest season, when friends and family gathered together to enjoy the fruits of their labor. The festival also coincides with Assumption Day, the Catholic feast day celebrating Mary’s ascent to heaven. Today, Italians celebrate with colorful religious processions, festivals overflowing with live music and fireworks, and great feasts. Roma comes alive for the Gran Ballo di Ferragosto, a city-wide party during which every street, square, and corner is dedicated to dancing; Siena overflows with locals and visitors alike to watch Il Palio, a historic horse race in the central Piazza del Campo of the medieval Tuscan town. So join us for this beautiful, family event!

**Date: Sunday, August 13, 2023**

**Place: Knights of Columbus Hall, 61 Pine Street, Old Bridge, NJ 08857**

**Time: 2:00 PM- 6PM (Opening prayer, a procession of the Blessed Mother, & Lunch, (Pranzo))**

**Cost: Adults \$35.00, Children ages 5-10 \$15.00 - Price includes buffet, coffee, tea, dessert! (Checks made payable to IAAofMC. or Venmo @iaaofmc)**

**Entertainment by Andrea Balducci, an Italian crooner singing classics and jazz standards in English, Italian, French and Spanish. He is signed with the internationally renowned Schema Records.**

**50-50 and gift raffle table available Reservations must be received no later than August 5.**

**Questions - Contact Marie (917) 559-8436, or Julie (732) 277-1249.**

Please fill out the form below and mail to- IAAof MC, P.O. Box 224, Marlboro, NJ 07746

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_ Child \_\_\_ Child’s age

