Meeting Programs
- Live Auction Night – members bring gently used items to auction
- Pasta Sauce Cook Off
- Ballet Folklorico Dancers
- Irish Dancers – St. Patrick’s Day
- Swing Dancers and lessons
- Hawaiian dancers – luau
- Heritage Night – Members share stories of their Italian Heritage
- Wedding Photos – guess which couples are in the photo
- Bingo Bash
- Bunco dice game
- White Elephant Gift Exchange
- Christmas Party with kid’s crafts
- Italian music – accordion player
- Saint Presentation
- HalloWine – members bring wine, costumes and games for kids
- History of wine and wine making
- Sports Night – trivia questions, show video of sports bloopers, easy sports contest (indoor bocce, bowling, etc.)
- Mother’s Appreciation – roses, video concert of Italian singing group Il Volo
- Los Angeles Opera Guest Speaker and multimedia presentation
- Italian Movie Night (English subtitles)
- Member Talent Show
- Local school band or trio
- Church Choir (your parish or other)

Ideas for Meetings and Special Events
- Crowning of Mary with kids procession of flowers, guest speaker on Mary
- Pie Contest in November, pie-eating contest with pie tins/whipped cream
- Teach an Italian Card Game, Scopa, Pedro, Italian Bingo
- Crazy Hat night - best hat gets gift card for “The Hat” restaurant
- Magic Night – contact local magician to perform
- Carnevale or Mardi Gras – jazz music, making masks, youtube video of costumes from Italy
- Cooking Lesson – ICF member or local chef showcases a special recipe
- Birthday Party – recognize everyone’s birthday and decorate cupcakes and have a couple party games
- Heritage Night #1: Bring Map of World and members “pin” where their ancestry comes from and then share about their ancestry
- Heritage Night #2: 10 Question quiz about heritage themes, i.e. food, flags, holidays, cultures, etc.
- Heritage Night #3: handout poster boards to each family to create an introduction to their culture to present at meeting, add in international appetizer potluck as the food
- Western Night – barbecue dinner, line dancing lessons, indoor horseshoes
- Members take turns hosting the dinner of monthly meetings – potluck, catered, home-cooked, etc.
- A Night at The Opera – bring in church choir member or local opera singer to share their talent
- Guest Speakers – reach out to local community groups to get ideas, ask members about their travels or areas of expertise, get ideas from members for who they would like to hear from
- Service Project Night – activity to prepare an item(s) for donation
- Workshop to learn a new skill (planting, candle-making, home improvement)
- Include a children’s craft at every general meeting
- Easter egg hunt for children, egg decorating, put together Easter baskets for needy children
- Back to School Night – members bring in pictures from their school days, share school memory, and prepare school supply kits for needy children
- Hollywood Nights – trivia, movie clips, members share favorite movies
- Invite clergy or local religious to share about their vocation journey
- Art Appreciation – showcase copies of framed famous art pieces where members match the correct artist
Ideas for Meetings and Special Events

Social Events
• Ice Cream Social – branch provides ice cream, members provide toppings
• Progressive Dinner (appetizers, dinner, dessert at 3 different member homes)
• Monthly Ladies Luncheons or Dinners
• Monthly Prayer or Bible Study group
• Bocce lessons and then play
• Attend Christmas Program at Church or one in the local community
• Christmas Harbor Lights Cruise
• Communion Breakfast – go to Mass together then breakfast
• Bus trip to Italian Hall and Museum and St. Peter’s Church in L.A.
• Old Fashioned Picnic at local park
• Performances at local theatres
• Trip to Italy – work with local travel agent to be part of a group tour
• Monthly Men’s breakfast with Speaker
• Movie, Games, and Pizza night for Kids
• Cruise – one day or longer
• Group attendance at community concert or stage production
• Paint Night – local art store brings supplies and art teacher
• Trunk or treat for parish families
• Any bus trip to popular local venues
• Monthly Cinema Club – members meet to go out to the movies
• Bi-monthly exercise class – walking, yoga, jazzercise, stretching, Zumba

Educational Events for Parish
• Italian Genealogy Speaker
• Italian Film Festival – English subtitles
• Italian Language Classes
• Collaborate with Prayer Ministry to feature a religious movie
• Sponsor an Essay Contest at the parish school with a prize for the winners and winners read essay at ICF Meeting

Service Projects
• Collaborate with other church ministry
• Italian Food Booth at Parish Festival
• Salami Toss Booth at Parish Festival – game players throw a tennis ball to hit a hanging salami, prize is a salami
• Operation Christmas Child – handing out and filling shoeboxes, then preparing them for distribution to children in impoverished countries
• Assist St. Vincent De Paul by handing out grocery bags with list of needed items after Mass and collecting following weekend
• Homeless Dinner – cooking and serving needy individuals
• Baby Shower – members bring layette items to donate to pro-life ministry
• Reach out to local college Italian Club or Newman Center to collaborate
• Garden clean-up to help older member
• Pasta dinner for parish youth group

Fundraisers
• Collect dimes for deacons, pennies for priests, nickels for nuns and donate to a vocations program
• Sponsor spaghetti/pizza luncheon after the school jogathon
• Knitting Group – create scarves, baby caps, blankets, etc. for hospitals
• Create tray favors for elderly in assisted living
• Homemade cookies for parish staff

• St. Joseph’s Table bake sale and dinner
• Cannoli Sale at Christmas
• Bake Sale after all weekend Masses
• Branch Garage Sale at Members home
• Parish Flea Market or Kids Swap Meet
• Sausage/meatball sandwich sale
• International Food Fest
• Bocce Tournament
• Game booth at community festival
• Pancake or waffle breakfast
• Homemade pasta sauce sale
• Champagne Bingo
• Restaurant Night at local venue
• Casino Bus Trip
• Mother-Daughter Tea Party
• Hot Cocoa with Santa, baked goods and breakfast items for parishioners after Sunday morning Masses
• 50’s Dinner Dance, limbo, swing lessons, and dance contest