

## **31 Days of Italians** 2010 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: *Joe DiMaggio***

"The Yankee Clipper" led the NY Yankees to nine World Championships.

### **Oct. 7: *Mario Lanza***

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

### **Oct. 8: *Gian Carlo Menotti***

Opera composer, founded the Spoleto Festival of Two Worlds.

### **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: *Henry Mancini***

Awarded 20 Grammys and 4 Oscars for his film and television scores.

### **Oct. 15: *Dean Martin***

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

### **Oct. 16: *Vince Lombardi***

Football icon.

### **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: *Luisa Tetrazzini***

World known soprano opera singer of the early 20th century.

### **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: *Frank Frazetta***

Legendary fantasy and science fiction artist.

### **Oct. 23: *Robert Mondavi***

Greatly influenced the wine industry in America.

### **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: *Rocky Marciano***

The only Heavyweight World Champion to retire undefeated.

### **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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